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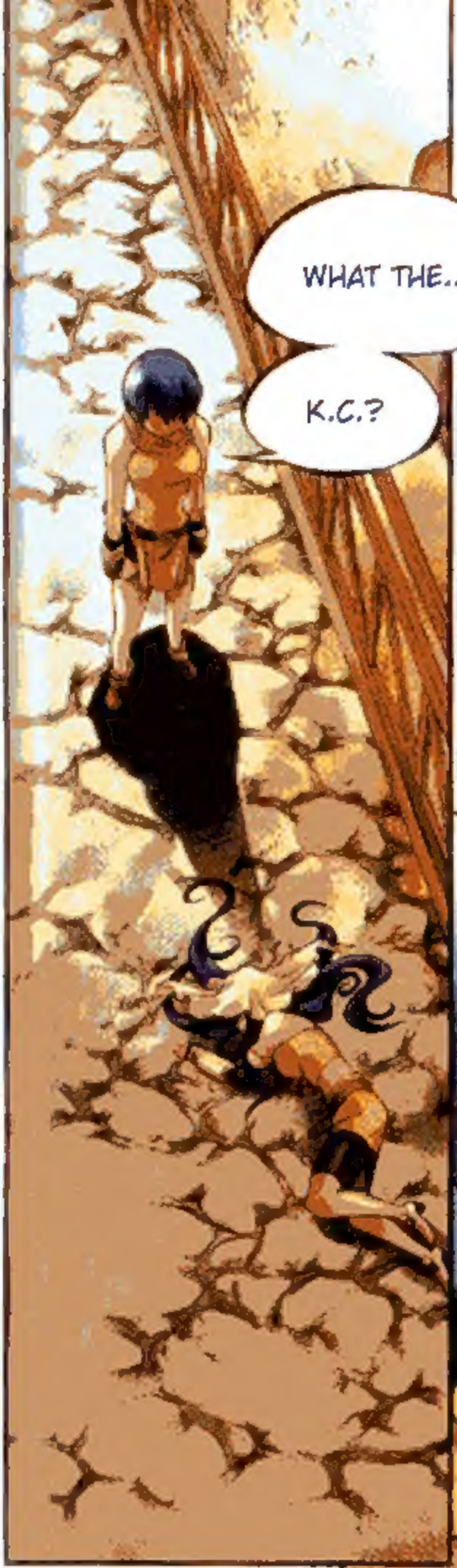
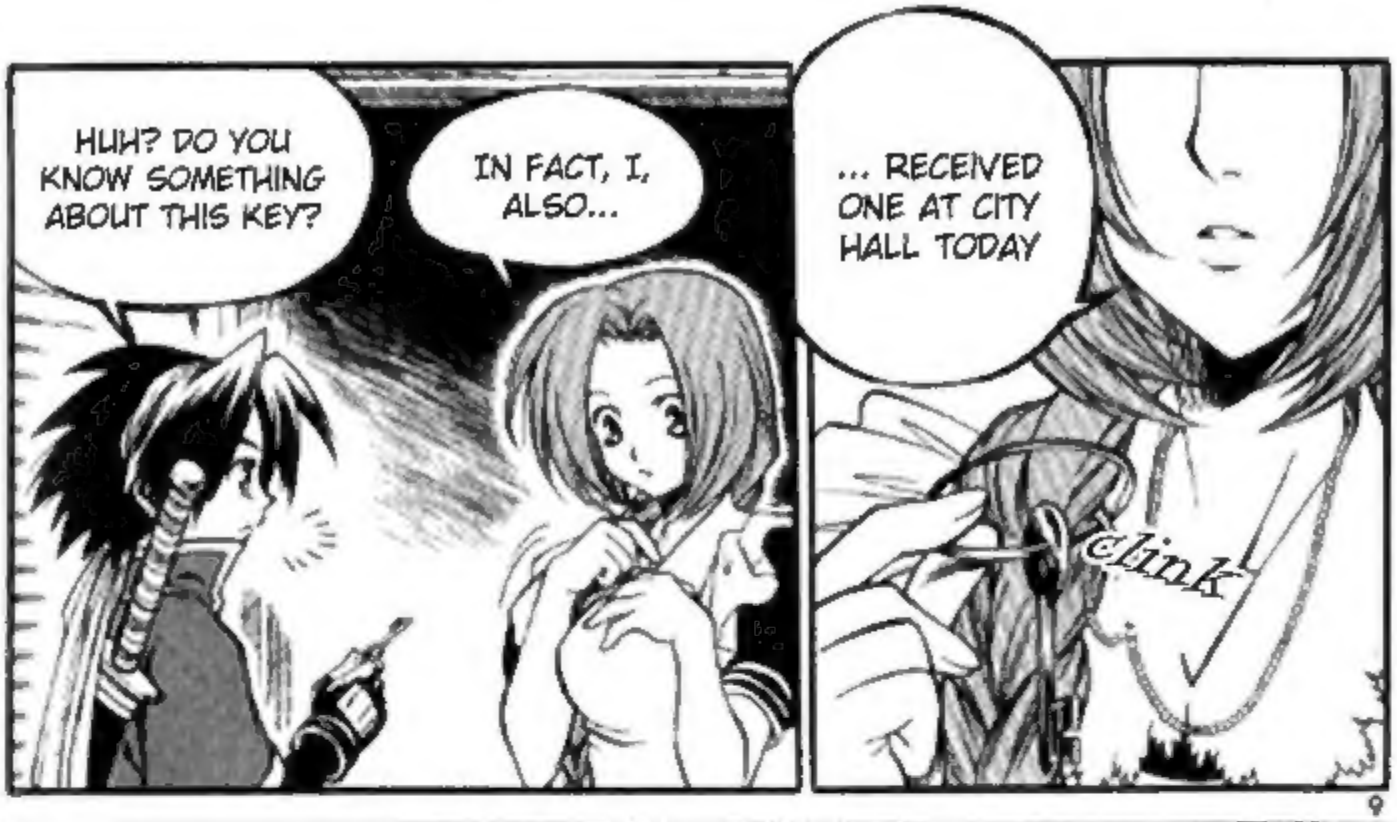

WHAT THE...
K.C.?

WHO WOULD DO THIS...!

STAGE 149
RING-OUT AND GIVE-UP

WELCOME!
YOU'RE HERE QUITE OFTEN THESE DAYS.
HAHA... BUT IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WAS LAST AROUND. ANYWAY, COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS?
IT'S AN EVENT ITEM. DO YOU THINK WE CAN GET INFO ON IT FROM AN ORDINARY SHOP?
... !
THIS KEY IS...?



*NPC = Non-Player Character

SAFEKEEPING, HUH...
THEN PLEASE KEEP MY KEY FOR ME, MISS PIRI.
THANK YOU. THE FEE FOR SAFE-KEEPING IS 200 GOLD.
clink
EHH!?
jangle
IT'S A POLICY SET BY THE CITY, I'M SORRY TO SAY.
YOU HAVE TO PAY A FEE FOR THAT?! AND IT'S 200 GOLD?!
I UNDERSTAND, I'LL PAY.
BUT...EVEN SO, IT'S EXOR-BITANT...!
MY KEYRING DISAPPEARED, AS EXPECTED.
BUT WE CONFIRMED THAT BEFORE!
NOW... GIVE ME YOUR KEY!
WHAT THE HELL? WHY SHOULD I?!

YOU STILL DON'T TRUST ME?
...!
WHATEVER, TAKE IT!!
slap
clink
HUH?
JUST LIKE I THOUGHT...
WHAT THE...? I DEFINITELY PUT IT ON THE PALM OF YOUR HAND...
PERHAPS THIS IS LIKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "RING-OUT" AND A "GIVE-UP"?
...!!

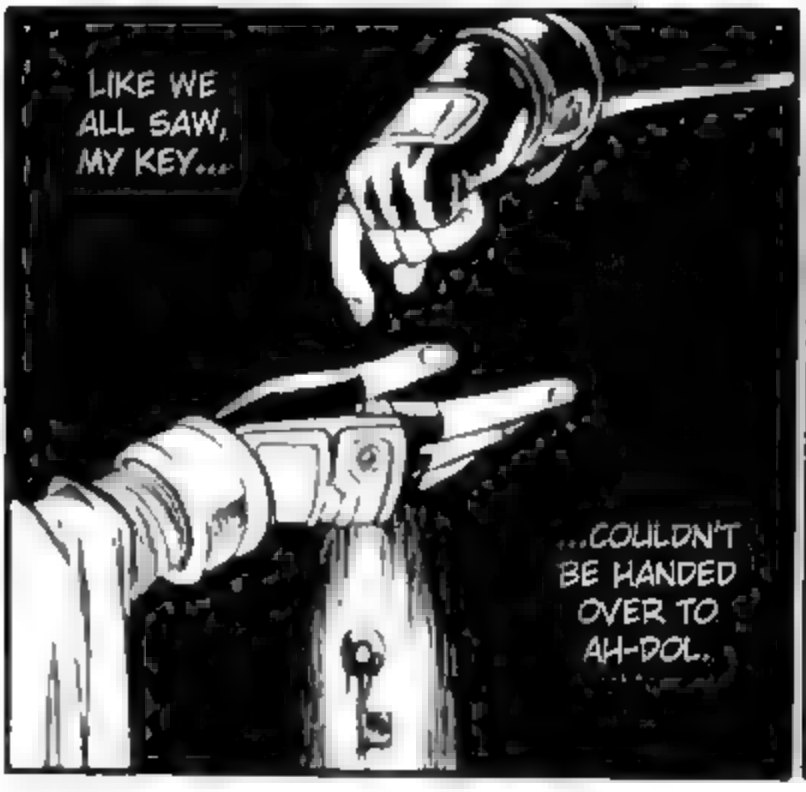
RING-OUT? GIVE-UP?
WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING, SOME FIGHTING GAME?
HMM... THERE'S SOME SENSE TO THAT.
RIGHT?
WHAT?! STOP TALKING BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU AND TELL ME..!!
SHUT UP! I'M TRYING TO CONCENTRATE!
bap
I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THAT. THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD CONTINUE ON TO "LOST SAGA II" WHILE CARRYING THIS KEY...
shake
SO YOU HAVE THIS WAY OF SAFEKEEPING IT SOMEWHERE... OR WITH SOMEONE.
IT'S ALSO A WAY TO GET OUT OF THE ENDLESS FIGHT FOR KEYS, OR KEY BATTLES.
MISS PIRI, CAN YOU HOLD ON TO A KEY THAT LOST ITS KEYRING?
YES. THE FEE IS STILL THE SAME 200 GOLD, AND THERE'S NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER.

DO OTHER MERCHANTS TAKE KEYS FOR SAFEKEEPING?
I SEE, IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT.
NOT JUST MERCHANTS, BUT ALL CITIZENS ARE ALLOWED TO. THOUGH THE SAFE-KEEPING FEES WILL DIFFER INDIVIDU-ALLY....
THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF KEYS ONE CAN HOLD IS 20 KEYS PER KEYRING OR SO...?
THIS MEANS... EVEN NPCS WILL BE IN DANGER, RIGHT?
I KEEP TELLING YOU! I WANNA BE IN THE KNOW, TOO!!
AH, WAIT A SEC. I GOT A MESSAGE.
chime
13
GOOD!
Message from Yureka
Like Lotto said, some people are getting into a fight. Location is...
LET'S MOVE! HURRY UP!!
BASTARD, WEREN'T YOU LISTENING TO WHAT I WAS SAYING?!
Kuaak!!
I'LL EXPLAIN ON THE WAY, SO QUIT YOUR WHINING!!

YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT ONCE YOU GIVE AWAY YOUR KEY OR IF THE KEY GETS TAKEN BY ANOTHER PLAYER, YOUR KEYRING DISAPPEARS AND YOU CAN'T COLLECT KEYS ANYMORE.
THAT MUCH I KNOW ALREADY.
BUT EVEN IF THE KEYRING IS GONE, YOU CAN STILL COLLECT AT LEAST ONE KEY. RETURNING TO THE ORIGINAL STATE IS ALLOWED.
SO THAT'S A "RING-OUT"? BUT AH-DOL WASN'T ABLE TO TAKE YOUR KEY, WHAT ABOUT THAT?
"RING-OUT" MEANS YOU LOST THE RING ONCE, BUT YOU CAN COME BACK TO THE FIGHT. BUT IN AH-DOL'S CASE...
HE HANDED OVER HIS OWN KEY TO A NPC, I.E. MISS PIRI.
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, YOU CAN ONLY TRANSFER TO LOST SAGA II, AKA LAST SAGA, ITEMS IN STORAGE LOCKERS EQUIVALENT TO THE NUMBER OF KEYS YOU HAND OVER TO NPCS.
THEN HE SHOULD HAVE COLLECTED MORE KEYS BEFORE HANDING THEM OVER...
ALL LOST SAGA EVENTS TAKE PLACE BEFORE ANY INFORMATION GETS OUT! SINCE WE HAD TO OBTAIN SOME INFORMATION, WE HAD NO CHOICE THIS TIME!
IN ADDITION TO THAT, YOUR KEYRING IS STILL SAFE, SO...
SO...YOU MEAN YOU'RE GONNA STOCKPILE YOUR ITEMS ON ME, HUH?
THAT'S A NICE THOUGHT!

FINE, FINE...
THE GLORIOUS PERSON WHO'S THE OWNER OF THIS KEYRING WILL TAKE JUST A 20% CUT.
No, maybe 30%?
CAN I BLOW HIM UP?
SURE, IF YOU CAN FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM...

WAIT!
EVEN IF YOU'RE "RING-OUT", YOU CAN COLLECT ONE KEY AT A TIME AND THEN HAND THEM OVER TO ME, RIGHT?
THAT'S IT! LET'S START COLLECTING LIKE THAT!!
BUT THAT PART ISN'T REALLY CLEAR-CUT.


LIKE WE ALL SAW, MY KEY...
...COULDN'T BE HANDED OVER TO AH-DOL.

IT'S NOT CLEAR WHETHER AH-DOL COULDN'T TAKE MY KEY BECAUSE HE GAVE HIS KEY TO A MERCHANT, THUS "GIVING UP" FROM THE KEY BATTLES...
GIVE UP
...OR THAT I COULDN'T GIVE MY KEY TO SOMEONE ELSE BECAUSE I LOST MINE AND THE KEYRING DISAPPEARED, THUS ME BECOMING A "RING-OUT".
RING OUT

IT COULD BE BOTH SITUATIONS.
IS IT PERHAPS A MESSAGE NOT TO BE GREEDIER, SINCE THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL STATE?
IF THAT WERE TRUE, IT WOULD PREVENT PLAYERS WHO ALREADY LOST THEIR KEYS, FROM TEAMING UP AND RE-JOINING THE KEY BATTLES...
CHE... AND I WAS STARTING TO THINK IT WAS A GOOD IDEA...
YOU KNOW, THERE'S A BIG PROBLEM!
WHAT'S THAT?
AS THE KEY BATTLES PROGRESS, IT'LL BECOME HARDER TO TAKE AWAY KEYS FROM OTHERS. THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO "RING-OUT" WILL INCREASE, AND...
PLUS, AFTER MOST PLAYERS GATHER ENOUGH KEYS, MORE AND MORE WILL GIVE THEIR KEYS TO NPCS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND "GIVE-UP", WHICH MEANS THERE WILL BE LESS AND LESS PEOPLE AROUND WHO HAVE KEYS.
...SINCE THE ONES WHO COLLECTED MANY KEYS WILL MOSTLY BE VERY STRONG GUYS, IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE AWAY KEYS FROM THEM.

DOES THAT MEAN RETURNING TO THE ORIGINAL STATE WILL GET HARDER AS WELL? IT MIGHT JUST BE EASIER TO "GIVE-UP" RATHER THAN GET GREEDY.
BUT, THERE ARE THOSE, WHO ARE NOT THAT STRONG, YET HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF KEYS...
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WHO?! WHICH BASTARDS?!
ARE YOU GOING TO PK THEM IF YOU KNOW?
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT PK-ING A NPC IS COUNTED AS A DOUBLE PK?
NPC...?
YOU MEAN...
I RECEIVED THIS AT THE CITY HALL TODAY.

AND THEY COULD GET THEIR HANDS ON ALL THE KEYS THE NPCS HELD FOR SAFEKEEPING!
I'M SURE THERE WILL BE PLAYERS WHO ARE GOING TO TRY THAT!!
TH...THEN THE KEY WE LEFT WITH MISS PIRI IS IN DANGER, RIGHT? LET'S GO BACK AND PROTECT...!
THIS INFORMATION ISN'T WIDELY KNOWN, SO IT'S OKAY FOR NOW!!
screech
BUT OUR KEYS AREN'T THE ONLY THING IN DANGER!
WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN IF THE NPCS WHO WERE MEANT TO TRANSFER OUR ITEMS TO "LAST SAGA" DISAPPEAR?
THE NUMBER OF KEYS THAT CAN BE KEPT BY NPCS ARE PRE-DETERMINED, BUT...
WILL ENOUGH NPCS SURVIVE FOR THAT MANY KEYS TO BE KEPT?

What... the hell is that?
How could they do this...
YOU'RE SO CHEAP, DEXON*!!
ARE YOU THAT OPPOSED TO TRANSFERRING OUR ITEMS?!!
Kyaaak~!
HAHAHA... YOU'RE PKERS, NOW! PREPARE YOURSELVES!!
LEMME REVIVE YOU WITH THE PHOENIX FEATHER.
EH? BUT DIDN'T I JUST LIGHTLY TAP HIM?
A LIGHT TAP...?
YOU LET HIM HAVE IT WITHOUT HOLDING BACK...

*The company that runs Lost Saga

THERE ARE STILL IDIOTS WHO FALL FOR THIS TRICK!!
But she looks cute
AND BIG BREASTS, TOO...
WHAT'S WITH THAT WOMAN? DID SHE JUST HIT ME WITH THE INTENT TO KILL?
I THOUGHT I'D FINALLY FREED MYSELF FROM THE PK STATUS, BUT IT'S BACK TO SQUARE ONE...
sigh
WELL... THE RED EYES LOOK GOOD ON ME, SO THAT PART I DON'T MIND SO MUCH.
WHY WOULD YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR EYE COLOR WHEN YOUR EYES ARE NORMALLY SO TINY?
SO MEAN~!! I HAVE A COMPLEX ABOUT MY EYES...
FREEZING!!
ching

chi~ing
JUST STAY UGLY RIGHT THERE, AND DON'T THINK ABOUT HELPING YOUR COMRADE!!
Kyahaha
WELL, NOT THAT I WAS GONNA HELP...
GO!! GO AND TAKE THEIR KEYS!!
SORRY, CUTIE PIE~♡
dash
YOU'RE DEAD MEAT, LITTLE GIRL!!
THIS IS WHY I SAID LET'S JUST GO.
SIGH~... AND ALL I WANTED WAS TO DO A GOOD DEED AFTER SO LONG...

I'LL LET YOU TASTE YOUR OWN MEDICINE!!
tadada
SHAw... I BREAK YOUR ARMOR FIRST?
twish twish twish
YOP~~!!
ENOUGH MOVEMENT! I'LL FREEZE YOU LIKE YOUR FRIEND!!
chi-ing

I'LL PASS THIS TIME.
Whoosh

SLICE
WHAT THE...?!
WHOOSH
tik
pa-
ching

MAYBE I DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO BLOCK...?
A two... two-hand axe, isn't it?
Th-that heavy thing, with one hand, in one swing...?!
Shivering
THANKS FOR CALLING ME A CUTIE PIE, BUT...
...FROM A RUNNY-NOSED BRAT LIKE YOU, NO THANKS.
EHHH...?!
HUKYAAAA!!
LOTTO. .
WHEN WILL YOU GET HERE...

HOW COME YOU'RE OBSERVING US WHILE HIDING, MISS?
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AS LONG AS YOU DO NOT ATTACK US FIRST, WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING YOU.
smile
WHEN DID TH S GUY ..
WITH WHOM DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS HERE?
US? OR THOSE THREE?
OR, DOES IT NOT MATTER WHOM?
slide away
ARE YOU AIMING FOR THE KEYS...?

OH, MY. ARE YOU ON A DATE BEHIND MY BACK?
MY GOODNESS... SUCH A PRETTY LADY. ISN'T SHE PERFECT FOR A TRYST?
IF I CARE FOR MY LIFE, I WOULDN'T DO THAT...
ASIDE FROM THAT, DID YOU CHECK?
FIRST, THE 3 FROM THOSE GUYS, THEN 2 FROM US, WHICH MAKES 5 KEYS...
jangle

DID THEY HAVE ONLY ONE EACH..?
NO, THE FATBOY HAD TWO ON HIM, BUT...
...AS SOON HIS I GRABBED THE KEY-RING, ONE KEY DIS-APPEARED AND ONE REMAINED.
HMM... SO YOU CAN ONLY TAKE ONE REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY KEYS THERE ARE?
PLEASE TALK AMONGST YOURSELVES. AS FOR ME...
grab
HOLD IT!
DON'T YOU NEED TO GIVE US SOMETHING BEFORE YOU GO ON YOUR WAY?
Wh... what could that be?
WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE: A BEATING FIRST, OR THE GIVING FIRST?
You shouldn't threaten.

*Yureka sometimes speaks in the third-person; stereotypical young-girl-speak in asian culture?

I'D PREFER THAT YOU THINK OF THIS AS BAD LUCK, AND JUST GIVE US YOUR KEY...
AS LONG AS YOU SIMPLY HAND IT OVER, WE WON'T HARM YOU...
YU... YUREKA DOESN'T HAVE HER KEY! YUREKA GAVE IT TO LOTTO*!!
IF WE HAVE TO FRISK YOU, IT'S 10 HITS PER KEY WE FIND!
They're not listening..
Hueeeh~
clench
OR YOU'D RATHER START AFTER 1 HIT?
EHHHH?!
smile
PLEASE, NOOOOOO! IT'LL HUUUUUUURT!!
...HURT...?
drag drag
OF COURSE I'M HITTING YOU SO IT WILL...

OH, MY?
OH, DEAR, OH DEAR?
drag drag drag
arms flailing

SHE'S PHYSICALLY DRAGGING ALONG REMI, WHO S #1 OR 2 IN BRUTE STRENGTH IN THE DRAGONLANDS..?!!
THIS GIRL SHE LOOKED L KE AN AIR-HEAD SO I DIDN'T TH NK MUCH OF HER, BUT

THIS IS BAD. I HAVE TO ESTABLISH DOMINANCE BEFORE SHE THINKS ABOUT RESISTING...!!
Kyaaa

YUREKA! GET DOWN!!
ear perks up
HUH?

fwoops
CRUD. .! CAN'T AVOID...!!
EHH...?
REMI..?!
thud

INSTEAD OF WARNING FIRST, HE FIRED OFF THE MAGIC ATTACK RIGHT AWAY!
IN ORDER TO NOT GIVE ANY CHANCE OF AVOIDING T
step
WHAT THE HECK... I THOUGHT I GOT HER, HOW DID SHE AVOID IT?
I GUESS THEY AREN'T JUST ORDINARY PLAYERS... YOU GUYS ARE TARGETING KEYS, AREN'T YOU?
Where did the loser go?

ARE YOU PEOPLE IN THE SAME GANG AS THAT LOSER TRIO?
ARE YOU GUYS THIS LADY'S COMPANIONS?
....
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THIS GIRL... WHY DID SHE SAVE ME...?
Are you alright?

YUREKA SCANS

PLEASE PURCHASE THIS MANGA
WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE IN YOUR REGION!

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STAGE 150 : FALSE INFORMATION

THAT GIRL IS WITH US. WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE HERE?

WELL... THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU.

THAT LADY HID HERSELF AND WAS OBSERVING US FIGHTING THE PK ENTRAPMENT TRIO*.
FOR WHAT REASON WOULD SHE HAVE AN INTEREST IN US?

* : those were the same guys from v16 ch95

I WAS WONDERING IF SHE WAS WORKING TOGETHER WITH THOSE THREE.
WE WEREN'T GOING TO HARM HER AS LONG AS SHE PUT UP NO RESISTANCE.
BUT YOU GUYS... YOU ATTACKED US OUT OF THE BLUE.
WITHOUT BOTHERING TO FIND OUT THE CIRCUM-STANCES BEFORE OR AFTER...
HOW CAN WE BELIEVE YOUR WORDS?
YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES WITH DOUBTS AND QUESTIONS!!

WELL... I THINK WE CAN SAY THEY'RE NOT IN THE SAME GANG.
HUH? HOW COME?
DOESN'T THAT GIRL LOOK LIKE SHE BECAME A PKER AFTER FALLING FOR THEIR TRAP?
THERE, LOOK. AREN'T HER EYES RED?
?!
RED? WHERE?
YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE HER EYES WHEN THEY'RE SO TINY?
SCRITCH
S... SURE I CAN SEE THEM. DO YOU MEAN YOU GUYS CAN'T?
AH! NOW I GET IT! MEMBERS OF THE TINY-EYES CLAN MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF TELEPATHY!
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO PISS ME OFF?!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANOTHER PERSON BESIDES ME NOTICED...
HAHA... THAT'S RIGHT.

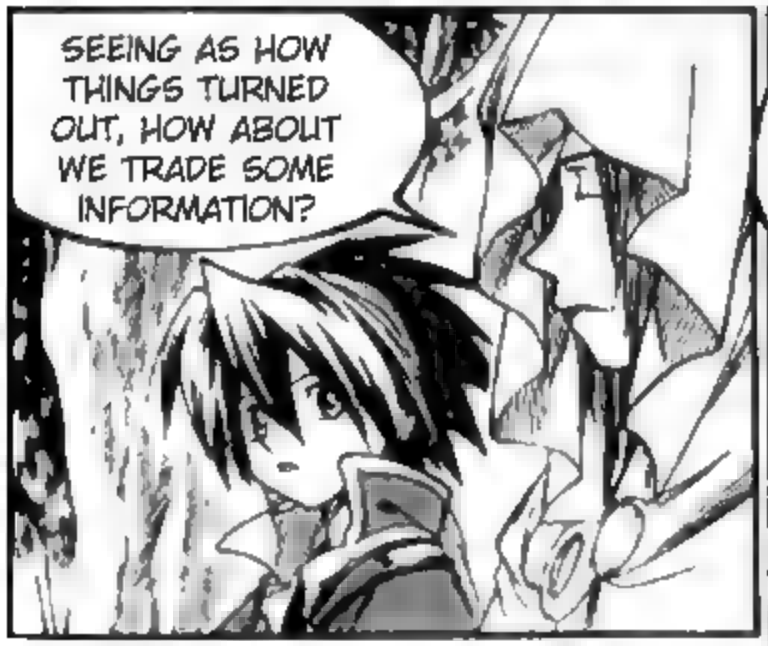
SO... WHAT WILL YOU DO?
ARE YOU GOING TO ATTACK MY PARTNER WHO BECAME A PKER?
HE CALLED HER 'PARTNER'... FOR AN AGE GAP THAT BIG, MAYBE IT'S COMPENSATED-DATING*?
OR HE PAID FOR HER INTERNET FEES... OR MAYBE HE'S BLACKMAILING HER...?
MUTTER
MUTTER
Insolent brats...
WE DON'T INTEND TO ATTACK HER. WE WERE ALSO THEIR VICTIMS IN THE PAST, AND WE DON'T CRUELLY ATTACK INNOCENT VICTIMS EITHER.
Hmpf
ARE YOU ON HER SIDE BECAUSE SHE'S A TINY-EYES COMRADE?
DIDN'T I SAY YOU'RE PISSING ME OFF?!
SO?! WANNA FIGHT IT OUT?!
BOP-BOP
BOP-BOP
AND WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?
THESE KIDS ARE FUNNY.

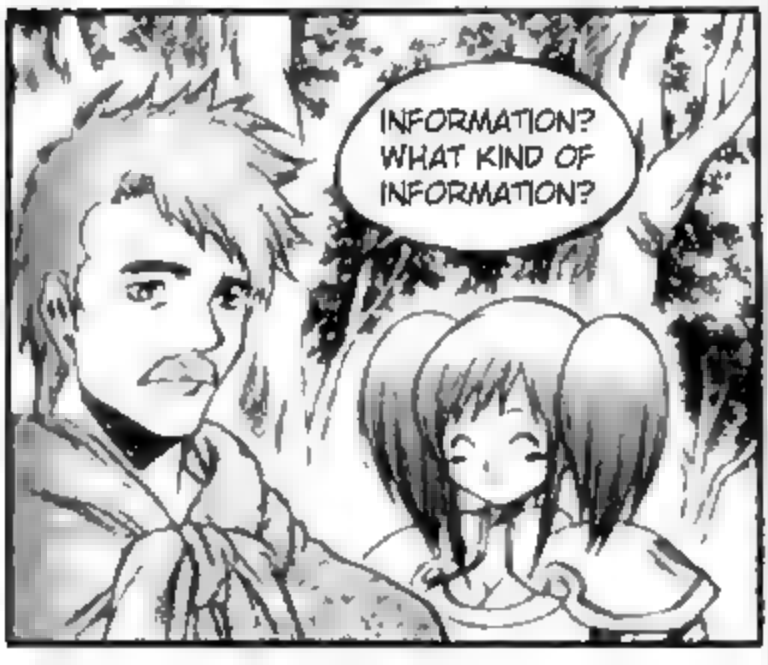
[TL-Note. *It's similar to Rent-a-date. For more Information Google. 'enjou kousai' .]

ARE THEY TELLING THE TRUTH? DID THEY TRY TO HURT YOU?
GLANCE
....
....!
YEP! NOTHING HAPPENED...
YUREKA JUST GOT SCARED FOR NO REASON, AND TRIED TO RUN AWAY...
Hehe
DID YOU...?
NO, I WASN'T ABLE TO TELL HER ANYTHING.

THEN, WHAT ABOUT THE THREE LOSERS?
UHM... THAT LADY TOOK THEM DOWN ALL BY HERSELF.

ALL THREE, BY HERSELF...? THEN SHE'S DEFINITELY NOT ORDINARY...
Just like her chest.


SEEING AS HOW THINGS TURNED OUT, HOW ABOUT WE TRADE SOME INFORMATION?


INFORMATION? WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION?

THOSE RELATED TO THE CURRENT EVENT. DO YOU TWO STILL HAVE YOUR KEYS?
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS EVENT WILL FOCUS AROUND GATHERING KEYS, SO WE NEED SOME INFORMATION ON THE METHODS.

WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW IS THE NUMBER OF KEYS THOSE THREE WERE CARRYING, AND THE NUMBER OF KEYS YOU COULD PICK UP.
YOU MAY THINK THIS IS A RIDICULOUS QUESTION, BUT IT IS AN UNEXPECTEDLY IMPORTANT POINT.
...
THE LITTLE LADY SAW AND HEARD EVERYTHING FROM HER HIDEOUT, SO IT'S A LITTLE SILLY TO SAY WE'RE 'SHARING' INFORMATION...
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE COULD GET SOME INFORMATION IN RETURN, WOULDN'T THAT BE GOOD?
40
FINE. SEEMS LIKE THIS IS FATE, SO LET'S PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER.
IT JUST MAY BE THAT WE ACTUALLY NEED EACH OTHER'S HELP.

SCRITCH
THEN LET'S GO AHEAD AND RECAP EVERYTHING, BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW.

WE ASSUME THAT EVERYONE RECEIVES ONE KEY TO START WITH, AND EACH KEY OPENS A LOCKER. THE POSSESSIONS WE STORE IN THEM WILL BE TRANSFERRED INTO 'LAST SAGA'.
SCRIBBLE
SCRATCH

AT FIRST THE KEY AND THE KEYRING ARE TOGETHER, BUT IF THE KEY IS GIVEN AWAY OR IS FORCIBLY TAKEN, THE GIVER'S KEYRING DISAPPEARS, AND THE KEY TRANSFERS TO THE TAKER'S KEYRING.

A PERSON WHO LOST HIS KEY CAN OBTAIN A NEW KEY FROM ANOTHER PERSON, BUT HE CAN'T COLLECT MORE THAN ONE KEY BECAUSE HE HAS NO KEYRING.
RING OUT
×0
Hand over the key!
×1
HEY, WHY AM I THE ILLUSTRATION CHARACTER?
AND WHY AM I THE ONE GETTING HIT...?
THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT A PERSON CAN ONLY OBTAIN ONLY ONE KEY, REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY KEYS THE OPPONENT HAS, AND THE REST OF THE KEYS VANISH.
×1
×5
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU STILL HAVE YOUR KEYRING OR NOT, YOU MEAN...
IT SEEMS LIKE THE NUMBER OF KEYS ARE BOUND TO GRADUALLY DECREASE.
THAT'S THE SCARY PART. BUT, SOMETHING EVEN MORE DANGEROUS IS...
YOU CAN TRANSFER YOUR ITEMS ONLY IF YOU GIVE UP YOUR KEY TO A NPC. AND AFTER YOU'VE GIVEN UP YOUR KEY, YOU CAN NO LONGER INFLUENCE THE ONGOING KEY BATTLES.
GIVE UP
NPC
Hand over the keys!
BUT IT'S POSSIBLE FOR A PLAYER ATTACK NPCS IN ORDER TO TAKE THE KEYS THEY WERE GIVEN.

HEY!! WHY THE HECK DO I PLAY THE VILLAIN THERE?!
GRRR
IT'S JUST AN ILLUSTRATION, GET OVER IT.
IT'S ALMOST A GIVEN... ONCE IT GETS HARDER AND HARDER TO COLLECT KEYS, PLAYERS THAT ATTACK NPCS WILL POP UP.
SINCE NPCS HAVE ONE KEY EACH TO BEGIN WITH, THERE WILL BE FOLKS WHO TARGET THEM FROM THE START.
THE PROBLEM LIES IN THAT ONCE THE NPCS START GETTING KILLED OFF...
...IT BEOMES EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO TRANSFER OUR ITEMS INTO THE NEXT SAGA, LEAVING ASIDE THE DECREASING NUMBER OF KEYS.
THAT'S THE GIST OF IT. AND SINCE THERE SEEMS TO BE A LIMIT ON HOW MANY KEYS EACH NPC CAN HOLD, A CERTAIN NUMBER OF NPCS MUST SURVIVE.
SO, IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE RATIO OF "NORMALS" TO "REDS"...
Hmm...
"NORMALS" AND "REDS"?
OH... I MEAN THE REGULAR PLAYERS AND THE PKERS.

AT FIRST, THE "GIVE-UP" PLAYERS WILL PROTECT THE NPCS THAT ARE SAFEKEEPING THEIR KEYS.
BUT, AS THE NUMBER OF PKERS INCREASE DUE TO THE KEY BATTLES, THE SITUATION WILL BE REVERSED.
HAND OVER THE KEYS!!
STAMPEDE
AND IF WE GIVE OUT ONE KEY TO EACH PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE A KEY? WOULDN'T THEY COME OVER TO OUR SIDE?
ONCE A KEY GOES ONTO A KEYRING, THEY'RE MPOSSIBLE TO SEPARATE! AND PEOPLES WITHOUT KEYRINGS CAN'T GIVE THEIR KEYS TO SOMEONE ELSE!
Everyone should get along.
What have you been listening to so far?
CONSIDERING THESE CONDITIONS, THE 'INHERITANCE SYSTEM' BECOMES, IN EFFECT, TOTALLY USELESS...

GOOD. WITH THIS WE HAVE AN OVERALL GRASP ON THE SITUATION.
STAND UP
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
SINCE MY PARTNER BECAME A PKER WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ENTER A VILLAGE WITH NPCS, SO WE'LL HAVE TO CONSIDER OTHER OPTIONS.
HEH AND WHO SAYS YOU WON'T JOIN UP WITH OTHER PKERS ALL OF SUDDEN?
WELL, IF YOU WANT , WE'LL CONSIDER THAT OPTION, TOO.
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, PLEASE GO EASY ON US...
HoHoj
SOMEHOW, THAT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE A JOKE, DID IT?
MAYBE WE SHOULD DUKE IT OUT RIGHT NOW?
WHISPER
UMM... ARE YOU GOING TO COLLECT MORE KEYS?

LET'S SEE... SINCE I'M A PKER, WOULDN'T I ACQUIRE THE KEYS OF THE PLAYERS WHO TRY TO HUNT ME DOWN?
EVEN THOUGH I AM A PKER, IF SOMEONE LAUNCHES A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE ON ME AND I KILL HIM IN RETALIATION, MY MURDERCOUNT WOULDN'T INCREASE...
BUT HOW WOULD THEY KNOW YOU'RE A PKER? YOUR EYES ARE HARDLY VISIBLE...
OH MY, ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT?
PERHAPS WE CAN CHOOSE OUR TARGETS AND GO ONLY AFTER THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY PKERS.
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...
I MEAN, DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO COLLECT MORE KEYS?
ARE YOU STUPID?! AREN'T WE GATHERING AS MANY KEYS AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN TRANSFER ALL OUR ITEMS FROM 'LOST SAGA' TO 'LAST SAGA'?!
GLARE
YEAH, BUT...

WOULDN'T IT BE OKAY TO TRANSFER AS MUCH BELONGINGS AS ALLOWED USING JUST THE KEYS WE ALREADY HAVE, AND THEN RE-DISTRIBUTE THEM AGAIN?
THIS WAY, WE WOULDN'T BE LOSING ANY KEYS EITHER...
WELL?
WELL?
What a headache...
Hmpf
Haha...
IN A WAY, THIS WOULD BE THE BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION.

OK, WE'LL RETURN TO NORMALTOWN FOR NOW. IT WOULD BE NICE IF WEAREN'T ENEMIES THE NEXT TIME WE SEE EACH OTHER.
WE'LL TRY OUR HARDEST TOWARD THAT END.
HUH?
LET'S GO...
.....
HURRY UP!
Bye Bye
UM... DID YUREKA SAY SOMETHING SILLY JUST NOW?
HM... WELL...
I'M SORRY. I DON'T THINK I CAN GIVE YOU AN ANSWER.
Sigh

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! WE'RE GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND!
Wahhh... Wait for me, Lotto!!
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LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO GO NOW.
SEE YOU NEXT TIME.
TAP
TAP
TAP
WHAT A BUNCH OF STRANGE KIDS.
YEAH, VERY ENDEARING, RIGHT?
IF THERE HAD BEEN MORE KIDS LIKE HER...
I WOULDN'T HAVE GONE TO THE DRAGONLANDS, YOU KNOW...

DOES THIS MEAN YOU'LL LIVE LAW-ABIDINGLY ONCE WE GET TO 'LAST SAGA'?
WELL... TO DO THAT, WE'D NEED TO GROW OUR WALLETS FATTER, RIGHT?
I GUESS YOU'RE PLANNING TO GO OUT WITH A BANG, ONE LAST TIME? THAT HABIT OF YOURS DOESN'T DIE EASILY, YOU KNOW...
YOU WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF! WASN'T YOUR MURDERCOUNT HIGHER THAN MINE?!
GRRRRR!

WHA... WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?
CHE... LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE PROGRESSING FASTER THAN I THOUGHT...
GLANCE
DID IT START ALREADY?!!
UB

I THOUGHT OUTRIGHT FIGHTING WITHIN THE TOWN WOULD START ONLY IN THE LAST STAGES OF THE TOURNAMENT...
IT LOOKS LIKE EVEN A FEW NPC GUARDS WERE TAKEN DOWN!
ARGH!
BAM
WHO THE HELL IS THERE?!
YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE AS I TOLD YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE.
STEP

THESE IRRATIONAL BASTARDS...
HUH?
YUREKA, GRAB THAT GUY!
JUMP
ROGER!!
WHOOO-
YOINK!!
-OOSH-
WHOAH!!
AH, I MISSED HIM!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
ARE YOU HUNTING FOR KEYS?!!

HEY, WHAT'S...
FLAP
HUNDRED DESTRUCTIVE FISTS!
BA
BA
BA
BAM

HUH? THIS FEELING...?
BLAZING FIST STYLE!
SWISH
56
EXPLOSIVE BLAZING STRIKE!
KA'BOOM
A HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTER...? HE'S A TROUBLESOME OPPONENT!!
PLINK

SLIDE
THAT'S RIGHT... C'MON!! YOU WANNA TAKE ME ON...?!
GRAB
URRK!!
HUH?
WHAT THE...?
I GOT HIM, LOTTO!!
WE GOT THE WRONG PERSON?
DOES HE LOOK LIKE HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?

HUH?
HIS EYES AREN'T RED. HE'S NOT A PKER. LET HIM GO.
BRRRRGGG

KEEP GOING, AND YOU'LL BECOME THE PKER. HURRY AND LET HIM GO!!
EEEEEK !!
POOM

HEY... YOU ALRIGHT? WE MISTOOK YOU FOR SOMEONE ELSE.
COUGH *COUGH*
AH... WELL... IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE.

THERE'S NO POINT IN ASKING, BUT THE TOWN IS IN CHAOS BECAUSE OF THE KEY BATTLES, RIGHT?
Huah
Sorry...

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT, BUT...
...THE KEY BATTLES WEREN'T THE REASONS FOR THIS CARNAGE.
Phew..

GUYS THAT STARTED GOING AFTER NPCS SUDDENLY APPEARED.
I DUNNO WHERE THEY GOT THIS INFO, BUT IT SAID THAT WHEN SOMEONE KILLS AN NPC, IN SOME RARE INSTANCES YOU CAN OBTAIN KEYRINGS.
IT WAS CHAOTIC, TO SAY THE LEAST.
FROM THAT POINT ON, PLAYERS STARTED ATTACKING NPCS IN DROVES. THEN OTHERS STARTED TO HUNT DOWN THOSE WHO BECAME PKERS AFTER KILLING NPCS...
THAT CAN'T BE...! IF THAT INFORMATION WAS TRUE, IT WOULD CONTRADICT EVERYTHING WE'VE PIECED TOGETHER UNTIL NOW!
....
IT'S FALSE INFORMATION!!

IT'S A PLOY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PKERS!!
WHAT? HOW COME?
EVEN IF IT MEANT BECOMING A PKER, OBTAINING A KEYRING WOULD BE AN IRRESTISTABLE GAMBLE... ENOUGH TO START WHOLESALE MASSACRES!!
ME AND A COUPLE OTHER GUYS THOUGHT IT WAS JUST TOO MUCH TO OVERLOOK, SO WE WERE TRYING TO STOP THE FLOW OF THINGS, BUT...
...SINCE THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THINGS CALMING DOWN, WE WERE GETTING A BIT OVERWHELMED.
59
THIS IS BAD! IF THIS KEEPS UP, THE TOWN WILL TURN INTO A WARZONE!!
AND, IF WE KEEP LOSING MORE NPCS LIKE THIS...!
....
WE MUST HURRY! MISS PIRI IS IN DANGER!!
MISS PIRI...
HUH?

STEP
OH MY, WELCOME.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
KEYS!

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WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE IN YOUR REGION!

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STAGE 151 : SLAYAN

YOU SAID... KEYS?
YOU MUST BE HERE TO SAFEKEEP YOUR KEYS WITH ME.
HOW MANY WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE UP?
HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE?

LET ME SEE... I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY KEYS EXACTLY, BUT...
NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT THEY CAN ENTRUST THEIR KEYS TO ME SO...
...I DON'T HAVE THAT MANY RIGHT NOW.
IS THAT SO...?
THAT'S NO FUN.
I'LL COME BACK LATER.
YES, PLEASE COME AGAIN.
WELL... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

DO LOTTO AND ARADON COME BY FREQUENTLY?

ARE YOU THEIR FRIEND?
LOTTO AND HIS FRIENDS DROP BY QUITE OFTEN, INCLUDING EARLIER TODAY.
AS FOR ARADON...

ARA..DON... HE...

He hasn't come by in so long, that I can't remember the last time...
SOB

LIKE I THOUGHT...

TURN

IT'S DISAPPOINTING TO JUST LEAVE LIKE THIS.
CRACK
A GIFT?
YOU WANT ME TO PASS IT ON TO HIM...?
STEP
STEP
MAYBE I SHOULD LEAVE A GIFT.
LET'S SEE... MAYBE YOU CAN SHOW IT TO HIM...
WHOOOSH
YOUR DEAD CORPSE, THAT IS!!

EH?
KA-
A-
NG
WHAT'S THIS?

YOU'RE BETTER OFF STOPPING RIGHT THERE.
IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO HER...
...NOT ONLY YOU, BUT I, TOO, WILL FACE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES.
LAW...
WELL... YOU CAN THANK ME LATER...
...IS NOT WHAT I WANT TO SAY! YOU'RE ALSO CALLING ME LAW, MISS PIRI?!
GRRR...
EH?
BUT LOTTO AND EVERYONE ELSE CALLS YOU THAT...
DID I HAVE IT WRONG THEN?

ROW THE-MIGHTY, THE LEADER DURING THE SIEGE OF NORMALTOWN...?
WHAT...?
ROW...?
LEADER DURING THE SIEGE...?
You... you know my proper name... I'm so grateful...!
SNIFFLE
...HEY, WAIT A SECOND...
DON'T THINK THAT YOU'LL GET BY WITH YOUR SWEET-TALK! YOU WERE ABOUT TO HURT MISS PIRI!

HUH?
CREAK
THE SWORD... IT'S NOT MOVING! LIKE IT'S STUCK IN A BOULDER...
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO HOLD ONTO MY SWORD?
DO YOU WANT TO GET HURT WHEN I PULL IT OUT BY FORCE...?
TRY IT!
IF YOU CAN...
CHEEKY BASTARD...!!

I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO RECONSIDER.
IF YOU DON'T REMOVE YOUR HAND BY THE COUNT OF 3, I WON'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT HAPPENS!
GRIN
WHY COUNT TO 3? DO IT NOW.
ONE...
TWO...
SHUT TIGHT
THREE!
SCREECH

WHAT? HOW CAN HIS HAND BE ALRIGHT?
AND WHAT WAS THAT AWKWARD SOUND OF STEEL...?
IT CAN'T BE?!
THE BLADE'S EDGE...
IS ALL DAMAGED?!
AMAZING. I HELD IT WITH ALL MY STRENGTH TO PREVENT YOU FROM RETRIEVING IT...
...BUT YOU PULLED IT WITHOUT ANY HESITATION....

YOU... WHAT DID YOU JUST DO?!
YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING IN YOUR GLOVE, RIGHT?!
HIDING SOMETHING?
WHY DON'T YOU CHECK WITH YOUR OWN EYES!!
?!
WHEESH
PU-PIP
POP
ARGH!!
MY... MY EYES...!! AAARRRGH!

WHY SO SURPRISED? I'M ONLY RETURNING SOME PARTS OF YOUR SWORD!
SO THESE SHARDS WERE FROM FROM MY BLADE'S EDGE? DAMMIT... I WAS TOO CARELESS!
DA
I DIDN'T PLAN TO TAKE YOU DOWN, BUT LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!!
ASH
I CAN'T AVOID HIS ATTACK IF I CAN'T SEE!! IS THIS THE END FOR ME?!
CLANG!!

HMM...?
IT'S USUALLY NOT MY STYLE TO INTERFERE, BUT I JUST COULDN'T HELP MYSELF.
FLUTTER
WHAT IS IT...? THAT SOUND OF STEEL...?
74
IS THIS STYLE OF FIGHTING WIDESPREAD ON THE MAINLAND AS WELL?

OH... LOOK WHO IT IS!
FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO COULDN'T BE FOUND ANYWHERE IN THE DRAGONLANDS, TO BE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
YOU KNOW WHO I AM..? THEN YOUR BUSINESS IS OBVIOUS.
DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT RIGHT HERE?
I'VE BEEN LONGING FOR THIS CHANCE!
WHO IS HE? DRAGONLAND? THAT HAVEN FOR PKERS...
ARE THE PKERS COMING TO THE MAINLAND BECAUSE OF THE EVENT?

BEFORE WE BEGIN, THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT TO KNOW.
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
76
MY NAME...
THAT'S RIGHT. I'D NEARLY FORGOTTEN IT, SINCE HARDLY ANYONE HAS EVER CALLED ME BY NAME.
ALL THE NAMES I WANTED TO USE WERE TAKEN BY OTHERS, SO I HAD TO THINK ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE...
MY NAME IS 'SLAYAN'!

SLAY... INDEED... SO YOU ARE SOMEONE WITH THAT KIND OF PURPOSE?
DON'T BOTHER WITH AN INTRODUCTION. I ALREADY KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT YOU.
CRACK
CA-CRACK
SO LET'S GET STARTED...
HMM?!
WELL, WELL... SEEMS LIKE SOME MEDDLERS HAVE ARRIVED.
I'M NOT THAT USED TO ONE VERSUS SO MANY...
LET'S MEET BY THE LAKE OUTSIDE THE EAST GATE, IN ONE HOUR. THAT SHOULD BE FINE, RIGHT?

HOW PLEASANT! GOOD GOOD...
I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.
THEN, I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN IN AN HOUR!!
JU MP
THIS PERSON... WHO IS HE? WHY DID HE SAVE ME?
BUT IF HE'S SOMEONE FROM THE DRAGON-LANDS. THEN
HM?! THIS VOICE...!!
AH!! SOMEONE'S THERE!! IS IT A PKER?
NO, I RECOGNIZE THAT FACE!
WHAT HAPPENED?! DID YOU FIGHT WITH SOMEBODY?!

LA...
IT'S ROW!!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO REPEAT MYSELF?! MY NAME'S NOT LAW, IT'S ROW!!
DO I HAVE TO WEAR A NAMETAG FOR YOU TO GET IT RIGHT?!
IDIOT, WHY THE SUDDEN HYSTERIA? MISS PIRI, DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
IN ANY CASE, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE SAFE.
WELL... WHEN YOU SAY 'SOMETHING'...
WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE PERSON OVER THERE, MISS PIRI AND I WOULD PROBABLY BE DEAD RIGHT NOW.
HUH? WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT? IS NO ONE THERE, MISS PIRI?!
THE MAN IN QUESTION... HE JUST LEFT WITHOUT A WORD...

HE JUST LEFT...? DID HE LEAVE BECAUSE SOMEONE WAS COMING?
HMM... SINCE HE SAID HE CAME FROM THE DRAGONLANDS... PERHAPS HE WAS A PKER?
NO, NO... HIS EYES WEREN'T RED. HE WASN'T A PKER.
JUST WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED?
IF NOT... THEN WHY DID HE VANISH SO SUDDENLY?
WELL, IT WOULD BE VERY COMPLICATED TO EXPLAIN...
I HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD, SO PLEASE TELL ME.
YOU JUST HAD TO HURT YOUR EYES, HUH? THIS CAN'T BE HEALED WITH ONE OF MY SPELLS. YOU SHOULD GO TO A TAVERN, LOG-OUT, AND LET THEM RECOVER.
WHAT? YOU STILL DON'T KNOW?
HUH?
IF YOU LOG-OUT, YOU LOSE YOUR KEYRING! THAT'S PARTLY WHY THE TOWN'S IN SUCH AN UPROAR...
WHAT?!

SO THAT'S THE REASON... I ALREADY WONDERED WHY THE KEY BATTLES WERE PROGRESSING THAT FAST...
IT ALSO EXPLAINS WHY SO MANY PEOPLE ARE DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR KEYRINGS...
BUT... ISN'T IT JUST TOO OBVIOUS A WAY DECREASE THE NUMBER OF KEYS?
HEY! ISN'T DEXON GOING TOO FAR?! SHOULDN'T THIS SORT OF THINGBE ANNOUNCED AS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE?
ISN'T THIS BUSINESS AS USUSAL? IF IT'S TOO EASY, IT'S NO FUN.
THOSE WHO DON'T LIKE IT CAN LEAVE, YOU KNOW...
HOW MANY NPCS DID WE LOOSE?
ABOUT HALF OF THE TOWN'S POPULATION HAS BEEN SACRIFICED. BUT THERE'VE BEEN NO REPORTS OF ANY NPC DROPPING A KEYRING.
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SUCH AN INFORMATION WOULD BE FALSE!!
WHY DIDN'T THEY JUST GIVE UP IF NO ONE HAS GOTTEN ANY KEYRINGS AFTER ALL THIS?!

EVEN IF IT'S AN UNCONFIRMED RUMOUR... PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO BET ON IT, IF THEY SEE EVEN A GLIMMER OF HOPE.
THEY'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE SINCE THE GAME IS ENDING, RIGHT?
IT'S LIKE A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE IS GOING AROUND! KINDA SIMILAR TO HOW ZOMBIES MULTIPLY...
BUT THE TOWN HAS GOTTEN VERY QUIET, NOW THAT THE PKERS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN OUT.
CONSIDERING THE CONDITION OF MY EYES, I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ANY HELP FROM NOW ON.
YOU GUYS SHOULD HELP, WE ARE ALREADY SHORT ON PEOPLE.
FOR WHAT REASON? IT'S BOTHERSOME...
IS THIS REASON ENOUGH?
JANGLE
HOW THE HELL DO YOU HAVE SO MANY KEYS?! DID YOU PK AS WELL?! AREN'T YOU KEEPING YOUR EYES CLOSED TO HIDE YOUR RED EYES?!
I TOLD YOU MY EYES ARE INJURED!! AND I GOT THESE KEYS CLEANING UP AFTER THE PKERS!!
WE'RE GONNA HANG AROUND IN THE TOWN, HERE AND THERE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU GONNA HIDE SOMEWHERE?

DO I HAVE A CHOICE? WELL, MISS PIRI, THESE KEYS...
SMILE
THAT WILL BE 200 GOLD PER KEY, SO YOUR TOTAL IS 1,800 GOLD!
....
WELL... I'LL THINK ABOUT IT... AND COME BACK AGAIN LATER.
RUSTLE
HEY! DON'T RISK GETTING THEM STOLEN SOMEWHERE, JUST GIVE THEM TO HER!
THE FEE S MORE EXPENS VE THAN ALL MY TEMS TOGETHER. AND I DON'T HAVE THAT MANY TEMS TO TRANSFER IN THE F RST PLACE

NOW THEN, SINCE I'M INJURED, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE.
TAKE CARE OF THE REST!

AH...!
STOP

IF YOU EVER ENCOUNTER A GUY NAMED "SLAYAN", JUST WATCH OUT FOR HIS HAND!

SALLAYMAN?
SO HE'S THE ONE WHO DID THAT TO YOU? DON'T ASSUME THAT WE'RE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS YOU.
"SLAY + AN". WHAT AN UNSETTLING NAME.
Hmph~
I DEFINITELY WARNED YOU, SO DO WHAT YOU WANT.
AND DON'T BLAME ME AFTERWARDS.
NOW THEN, LET'S HIDE. AND FISH FOR SOME PKERS, USING MISS PIRI AS THE BAIT!
WHAT! SAYS WHO, YOU IDIOT?!
AH! NOW I REMEMBER...
THAT SLAYAN PERSON... HE ASKED ME ABOUT LOTTO AND ARADON!

ARADON... YOU SAID?
JUST LOTTO...? AND NOT US?
WHY?
I'M NOT SURE. HE JUST ASKED IF YOU CAME OFTEN TO THIS STORE...
THEN HE SUDDENLY ATTACKED ME...
WHAT...?! HOW DARE HE...
HUH?! WHAT'S WITH THOSE LOOKS?
WE CAN USE YOU AS THE BAIT, INSTEAD OF MISS PIRI...
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE WE WANT TO, BUT...
JUST TIE HIM UP!!
WHAT THE HELL YA DOING, YOU JERKS!!

BUMP
AH...!

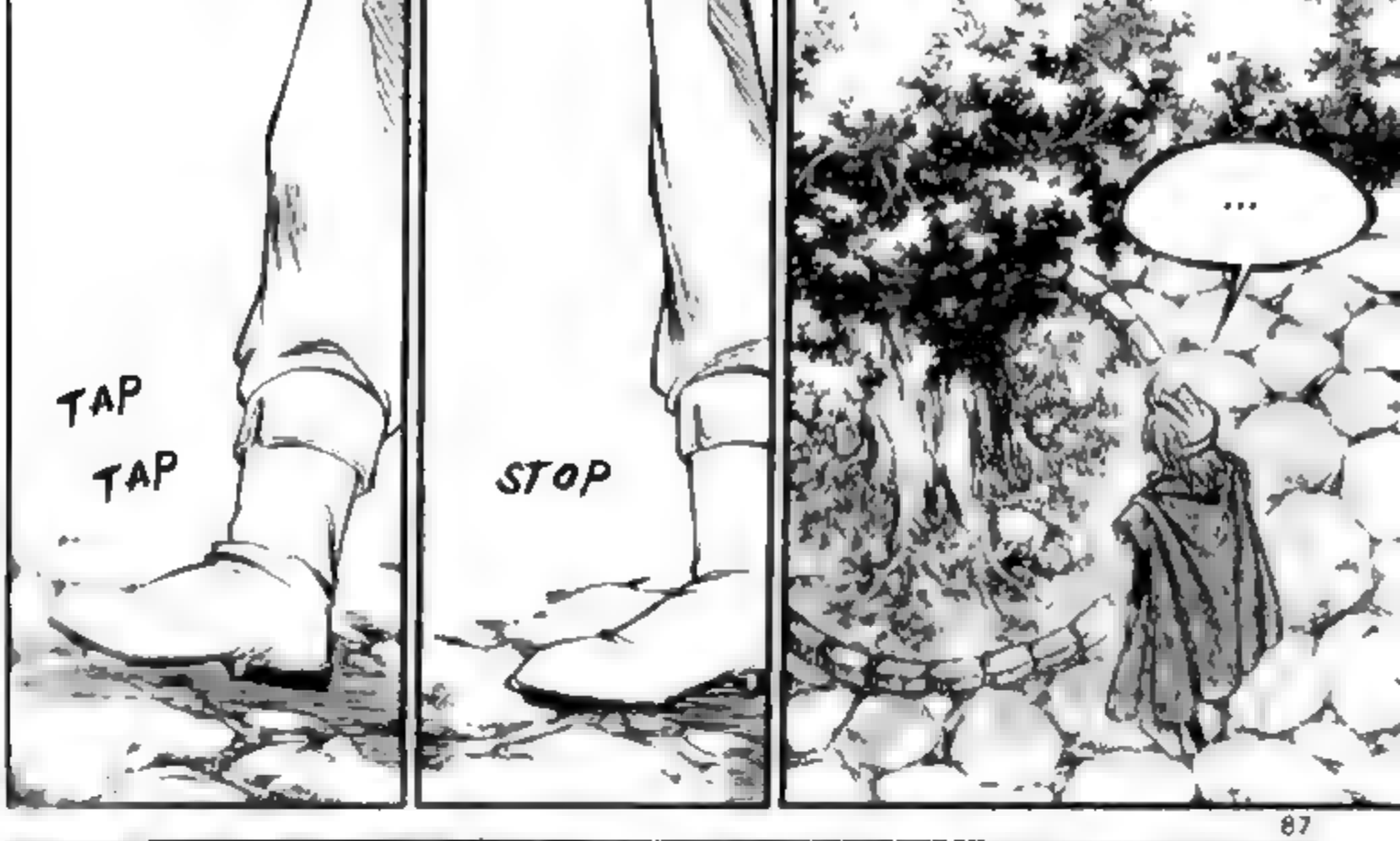
I... I'M SORRY.
WELL, JUST WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING.

ALL OF A SUDDEN I BECAME BLIND. IF I HAPPEN TO MEET A PKER RIGHT NOW, I'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE.

HOWEVER... NOW THAT I CAN'T USE MY EYES, MY OTHER SENSES ARE BECOMING SHARPER.

I CAN HEAR ALL THE NOISES THAT I NORMALLY WOULDN'T NOTICE.

PEOPLE'S FOOTSTEPS... I'M IMAGINING THEIR BODY FORMS FROM THEIR STRIDE LENGTH AND THE WEIGHT ON THE GROUND
THERE ARE THREE PEOPLE ON THE STREET... TWO MEN AND ONE WOMAN... ONE OF THE MEN IS A WARRIOR


TAP
TAP
STOP
...

AMAZING...
I CAN FEEL THE TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE UNDER THE SHADE OF THE TREE...
PAT
SHALL I GO FOR AN ADVENTURE...?

YOU SURPRISE ME.
TO THINK YOU WOULD COME ALL THIS WAY IN YOUR CONDITION...

BUT YOUR INJURIES HAVE GROWN. DID YOU PERHAPS, ON YOUR WAY HERE...
EXHAUSTED
HAHA, THIS IS NOTHING.
Injuries accumulated from all the tripping and falling on his way here.

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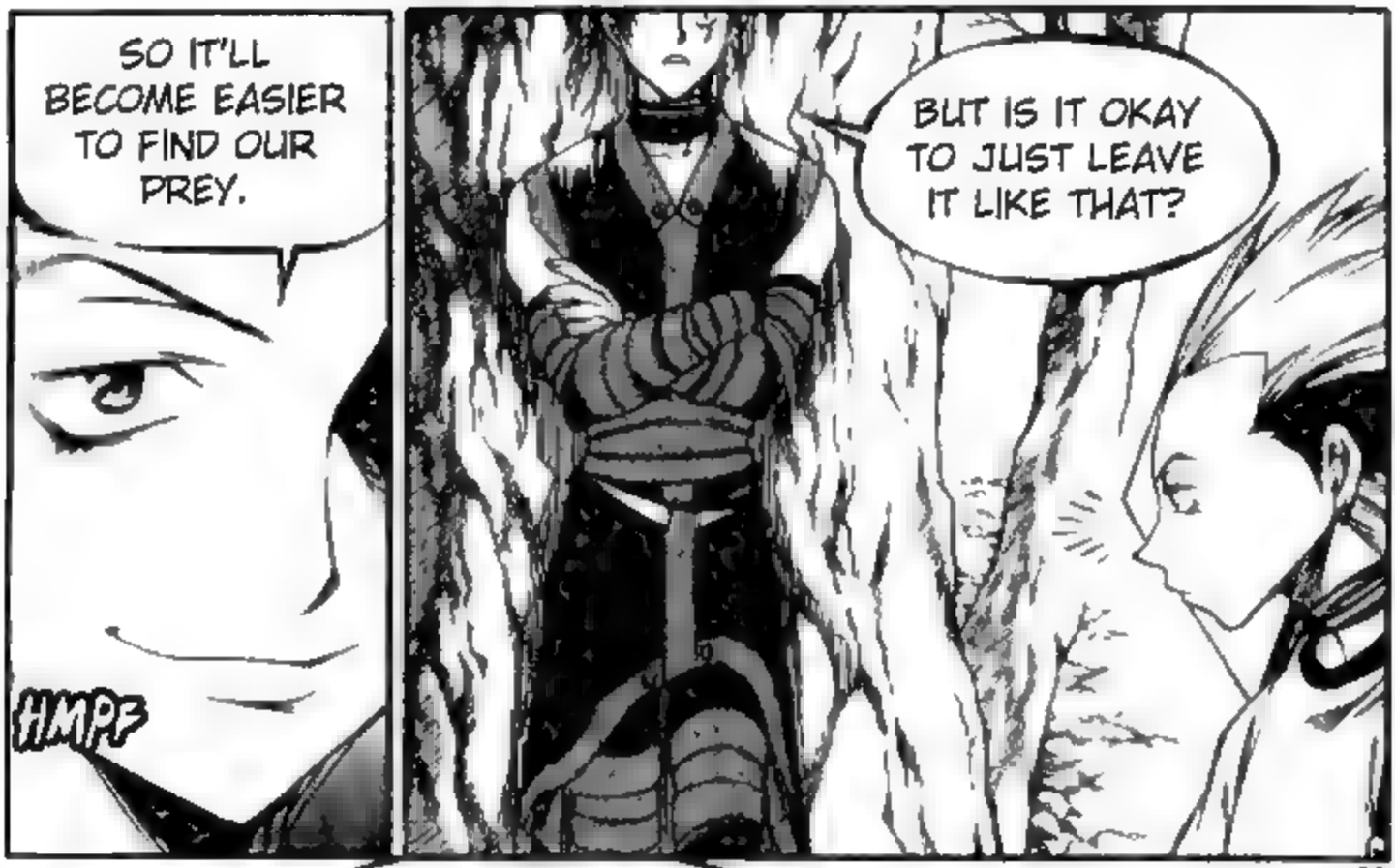
Stage 152. Key Score

GULP GULP
PU-HA
FUAH...!
EVEN WATER TASTES GOOD AFTER A FIGHT!
HOW IS IT? THE MOVEMENTS AROUND THE TOWN?
AS PREDICTED, THEY'RE GATHERING, BY ONE'S OR TWO'S.


SO IT'LL BECOME EASIER TO FIND OUR PREY.
HMPF
BUT IS IT OKAY TO JUST LEAVE IT LIKE THAT?

IF THE NPCS ARE WIPED OUT EVEN WITHIN NORMALTOWN, A RELATIVELY SAFE LOCATION...
...ALL WILL BE FOR NOTHING, NO MATTER HOW MANY KEYS WE GATHER.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.

THERE WILL BE LOTS OF GUYS WHO WILL GIVE THEIR ALL TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING.
INCLUDING SOME LEISURELY GUYS I KNOW...

?
WELL, IF THINGS TURN BAD LATER, IT WON'T BE TOO LATE TO JOIN FORCES WITH THEM.

SINCE WE'VE RESTED UP, LET'S GO FIND OUR NEXT PREY.

AND JUST IN TIME, I SEE SOME GUYS WHO FIT THE BILL.

HOW MANY KEYS DO YOU HAVE SO FAR, BOSS?
A LOT MORE THAN YOU GUYS.

IT STILL FEELS SO UNREAL THAT WE'RE ABLE TO WALK AROUND FREELY ON THE MAINLAND, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE PKERS.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO THIS EVENT.

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, THOUGH.
PKERS AND NORMALS, THEY ARE ALL ENEMIES!

BUT WE'RE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT CLASS FROM THOSE MAINLAND PKER WANNABES.
I MEAN, AREN'T OUR SKILLS ON PAR WITH SOME OF THE HIGHER RANKED FROM THE DRAGONLANDS?
TAP
THAT'S NEWS TO ME, SINCE YOU WERE HOPELESSLY CRUSHED BY ME...
WHAT?!
WHO THE HELL...!
YOU SOMEHOW MANAGED TO SURVIVE, EVEN WITH YOUR LEVEL OF SKILL.

IT... IT'S THAT BASTARD, HE'S FROM THAT ONE TIME...!
BOSS! THAT'S THE GUY WHO GOT YOU BY USING A SPEED HACK, RIGHT?!*
WELL MET, YOU BASTARD! WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOU...
YOU BELIEVE THE REASON FOR YOUR DEFEAT WAS THE HACK?
I ONLY USED IT TO MAKE THE BATTLE END AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT EVEN IF WE MATCH OUR SKILLS, YOU STILL WON'T WIN!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, YOU IMPUDENT BRAT! I'M GOING TO CUT YOU DOWN WITH MY OWN HANDS!
OMEGA! GOSHU! YOU GUYS TAKE THE OTHER TWO!!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY, THE RESULTS WILL BE THE SAME...
PAT

[*- see v18 ch109]

ARADON? WHAT'S...
LEAVE THIS TO ME.
GRIN
WHY? YOU SAYING THE BOSS IS YOUR PREY?
NO, I'LL TAKE ON ALL OF THEM.
WHAT...
DID YOU SAY?!
YOU BASTARD! THERE ARE LIMITS TO LOOKING DOWN ON US! WE ARE THE DRAGONLANDS' THREE BLACK STARS!!

I HAVE NEVER HEARD, NOR HAVE I EVER SEEN, THAT NAME.
IF YOU'RE NOT RANKED, YOU'RE NOT WORTH REMEMBERING.
WHAT?!

I KNOW SOME GUYS WHO USED TO GO AROUND TEARING UP DRAGONLAND.
IF THEY CRUSHED YOU, IT'S OBVIOUS HOW STRONG YOU ARE. STILL, I'LL TAKE YOU ON FOR A FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE.
IMPUDENT...!!
OMEGA!! GOSHU!! WE'RE GONNA USE 'THAT'!!
EHHH?! 'THAT'? FOR THIS UNKNOWN GUY?

IT'S SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN SAVING FOR THE HIGHER RANKED, BUT...
IF WE WANT TO MAKE THAT BRAT FEEL FEAR DOWN TO HIS BONES, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE IT!!
READY, OMEGA?!
YEAH!!
GOSHU?!
AYE!!
...?
HOW RECKLESS... FACING OFF AGAINST 3 GUYS, EVEN IF IT'S THOSE 3...
LET'S JUST WATCH.
HE'S GOT HIS OWN PRIDE TO DEAL WITH HERE.

WHOAAA! HERE WE GOOOO!!
DAA-
ASH
FLA-
ASH
WHAT THE...?
JET TSUNAMI ATTACK!!
TAKE THIS! FIRST STRIKE!

SECOND STRIKE!
SLICE!
CHANG
CHANG KER CHANG
YAAAAH!
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
THIRD AND FINAL STRIKE!
SLIDE
WHOOSHH

OH...
SPLAT
What the...?
FWOOSH
OMEGA!!

OMEGA'S MITHRIL HALBERD GOT CUT...?!
WHAT THE HELL IS HIS BLADE MADE OF!
HEY... GOSHU... YOU!!
EH? WHAT'S WRONG BOSS?
SLIIICE
SPLAT!
H- HOW, HOW CAN THIS BE...!!
OUR JET TSUNAMI ATTACK... HOW... SO EASILY...
THE FLASHIER THE NAME...
...THE WEAKER THE SKILL, IT SEEMS.

SO, IS THIS WHAT DRAGONLAND'S PKERS ARE MADE OF?
CHE... YOU BASTARD! YOU THINK YOU'RE A BIGSHOT!!

FLINCH
HE WAS RIGHT.

SLICE

THU THUM THUMP
TAKING YOU GUYS DOWN LIKE THIS IS NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT.

HEH.. DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY THAT TAKING ON 3 GUYS WAS RECKLESS?
CHE! I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THEY WERE THIS WEAK.
KA-KLING
THIS GUY HAD LESS KEYS THAN HE LET ON WITH ALL THAT BOASTING.
FWOSH
THIS MAKES IT THE 9TH...?
I'M STILL AT 6... HATA, YOU?
INCLUDING THIS GUY, 8.
CLINK
SINCE I'M ONLY IN A SUPPORT ROLE, I'M THE SLOWEST IN COLLECTING KEYS...
CHE...

THAT'S WHY I SOMETIMES LEAVE THE FINISHING MOVE TO YOU, AS YOUR SHARE.
NO WAY... JUST NOW, HE LEFT THAT GUY FOR ME, ON PURPOSE?
105
WE HAVEN'T MET ANY STRONG ONES WORTH OUR NOTICE.
LET'S GO TO ANOTHER DISTRICT.
Aradon (9)
Olius (6)
Hata (8)
23 Keys
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[TL-Note: You might notice how Ryuga and Lotto both suck at remembering names^^]

Normaltown, Western Gate
HEY RYOGA*! HOW IS IT GOING HERE?
YOU HERE, LOTTO?
WELL, FOR A WHILE, A LOT OF THEM WERE BUNCHED TOGETHER, BUT NOW, IT'S A LITTLE LEISURELY...
TO BE HONEST, IT'S A BIT OVER-WHELMING.
YEAH, THE LACK OF MANPOWER REALLY SUCKS.
WHO'S GUARDING THE OTHER GATES?
HMM... FROM WHAT I HEARD BEFORE, THE EASTERN GATE...
... IS GUARDED BY ROW, HORGACIA, AND MICHELLE...

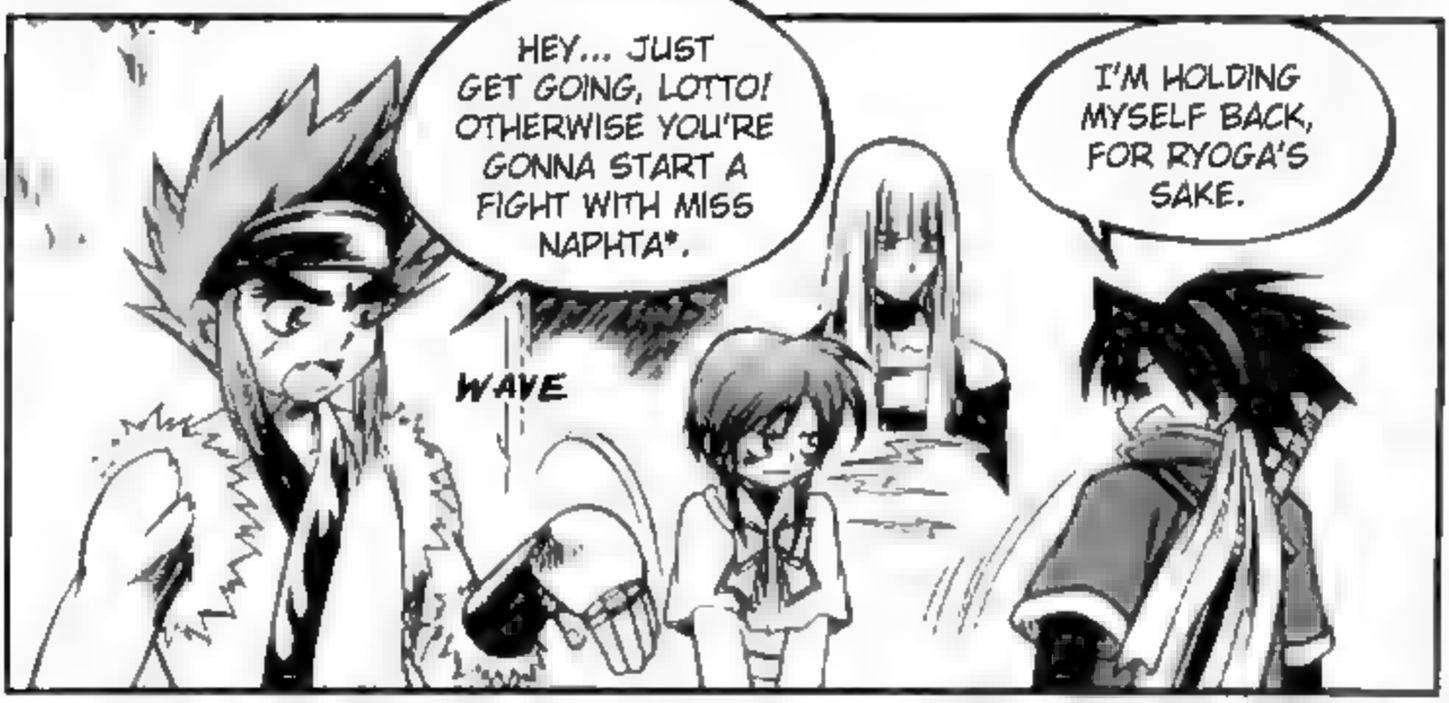
WELL, LAW'S EYES GOT INJURED AND HE HAD TO LEAVE.
WHAT?! WHO DID THAT TO HIM...?!
NO IDEA... HIS NAME IS SULLEYAN OR SOMETHING...
ANYWAYS, WE HAVE THE NORTHERN GATE... SO WHO'S AT THE SOUTHERN GATE?
MMM... I'VE HEARD THEIR NAMES ONLY RECENTLY...
Suley?
GROAN
CRUSADE? MY-ANNE? MORIAH? WERE THOSE THEIR NAMES?
HA? WHAT SORTA NAMES ARE THOSE?
HOW COME YOU'RE ALONE? YOU WANT US TO LEND YOU ONE OF OUR MEMBERS?
NAH, THANKS... SHE'S GONE FOR ONLY A SEC, BUT WE ALREADY HAVE 3 PEOPLE HERE!
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
I'M SORRY! AM I LATE?!

THERE WERE JUST SO MANY PEOPLE TO HEAL...
EHH?!!!
....

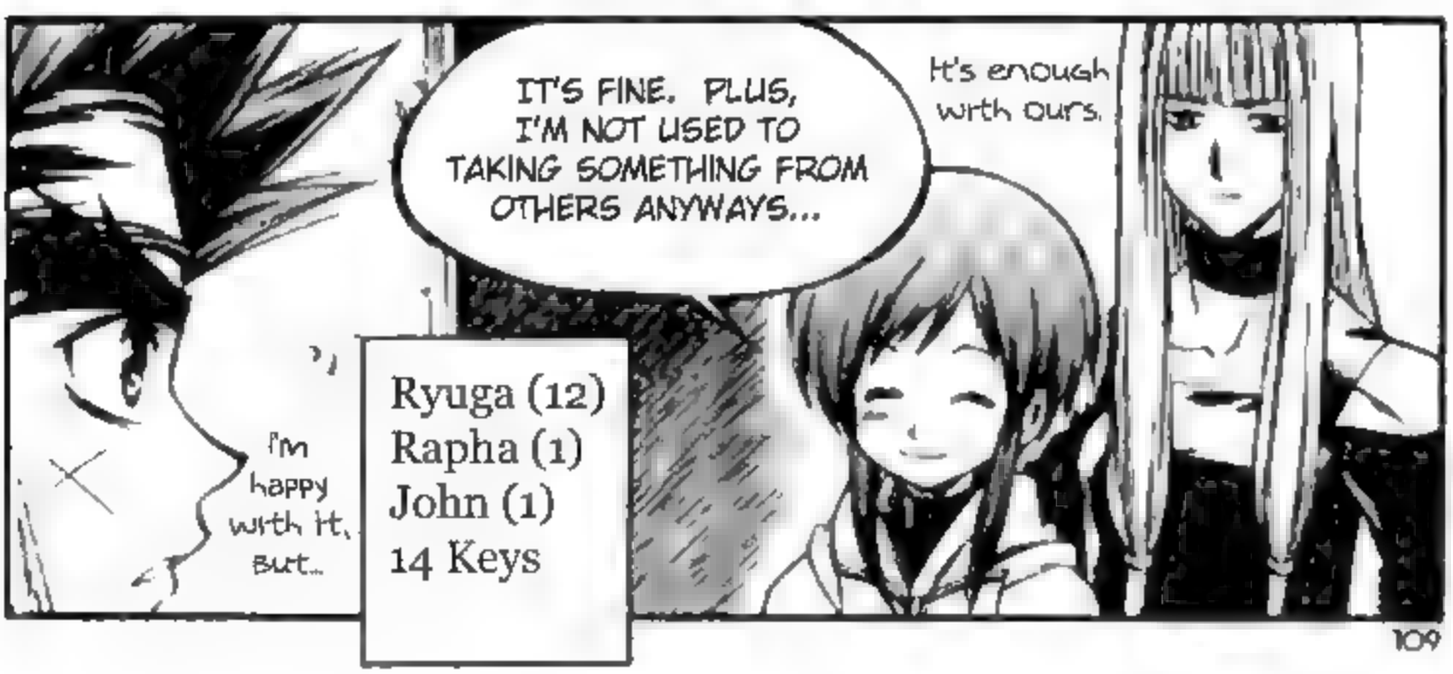
LOTTO, WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
ARE YOU ALSO TARGETING NPCS AND THEIR KEYS?!
GRR!
DON'T TEST MY PATIENCE. OR DO YOU WANT TO PROVOKE ME INTO DOING SO...?

I WAS THINKING HOW I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR A WHILE, BUT YOU SHOW YOUR FACE EVERY TIME THERE'S AN EVENT, LIKE A HYENA!
REALLY? YOU COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE ME AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME?

[*Note: In case somebody is wondering, Naphtha was used to fuel flamethrowers.]

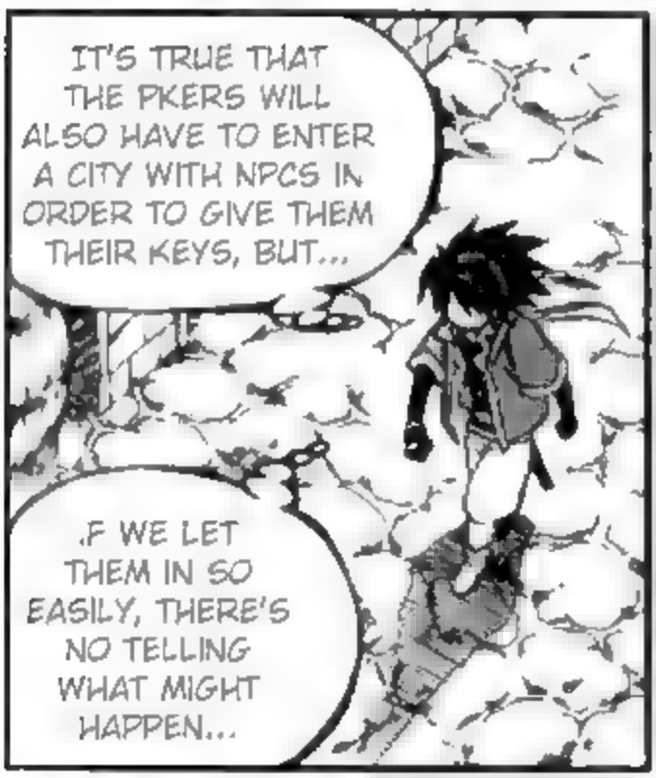

HEY... JUST GET GOING, LOTTO! OTHERWISE YOU'RE GONNA START A FIGHT WITH MISS NAPHTA*.
I'M HOLDING MYSELF BACK, FOR RYOGA'S SAKE.
WAVE

ASIDE FROM THAT, ARE YOU OK WITH ME BEING THE ONLY ONE TO COLLECT KEYS FROM THE PKERS?
THE NUMBER OF KEYS I'VE COLLECTED SO FAR... IT'S NO JOKE!


IT'S FINE. PLUS, I'M NOT USED TO TAKING SOMETHING FROM OTHERS ANYWAYS...
It's enough with ours.
I'm happy with it, but...
Ryuga (12)
Rapha (1)
John (1)
14 Keys

I FEEL SO ANXIOUS...
TAP
TAP
NO, THIS IS NOT ENOUGH!
110
WE HELD OUT THIS LONG BECAUSE OF OUR NUMBERS, AND ONLY BECAUSE THE ONES ATTACKING US WERE NOTHING BUT SMALLFRIES...
WHEN THE REALLY STRONG PKERS COME BY, WE'RE GONNA BE IN BIG TROUBLE!
THOSE STATIONED HERE AND GUARDING ARE MOSTLY THOSE WHO WEREN'T CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO GATHER KEYS, AND HAVE ALREADY GIVEN UP...
GLANCE
THE SKILLED PKERS WHO COLLECTED ENOUGH KEYS WILL WAIT TILL NIGHTFALL TO ENTER
THAT'S WHEN THE REAL BATTLES WILL BEGIN!

YOU GUARDING HER PROPERLY?
WORKING HARD, DOING NOTHING.
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.


IT'S TRUE THAT THE PKERS WILL ALSO HAVE TO ENTER A CITY WITH NPCS IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM THEIR KEYS, BUT...
IF WE LET THEM IN SO EASILY, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN...

AND THE PEOPLE WHO CHOSE TO TAKE OTHERS' KEYS EVEN TO THE POINT OF BECOMING PKERS THEMSELVES
IT WOULD BE PLAIN WRONG TO SIMPLY OVERLOOK THEM

Northern Gate
HIYA LOTTO!!
MUAHAHA... THIS IS PRETTY SWEET!
HEY! DID ANYTHING HAPPEN WHILE I WAS GONE?

EVEN IF I JUST SIT HERE AND WAIT, THE PKERS JUST WALK UP TO ME AND OFFER UP THEIR KEYS!!
KACHING
WOW! THAT'S PRETTY GOOD.
STILL, DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN. IF YOU DIE, OUR WHOLE TEAMWILL LOSE THEIR KEYS.
TEAM?
SHINE
OH DEAR, WHO MAY YOU BE? DO YOU DARLINGS HAVE SOMETHING YOU ENTRUSTED ME WITH?
SPARKLE
FORGET THE TEAM! I'M JUST GONNA KILL YOU!!
LET GO!
Restrain yourself, Lotto...
HAHAHA... I SHALL TAKE PITY UPON YOU, AND LEAVE HALF FOR YOUR SHARE!
First, let go of me, then we talk...
Only if you promise not to do anything... ♥
Boromir (11)
Lotto (1)
Ah-Dol (1)
Yureka (0)
13 Keys

WHAM
UARGH!!
CRUNCH
DON'T THEY GET SICK OF THIS...?
THUMP
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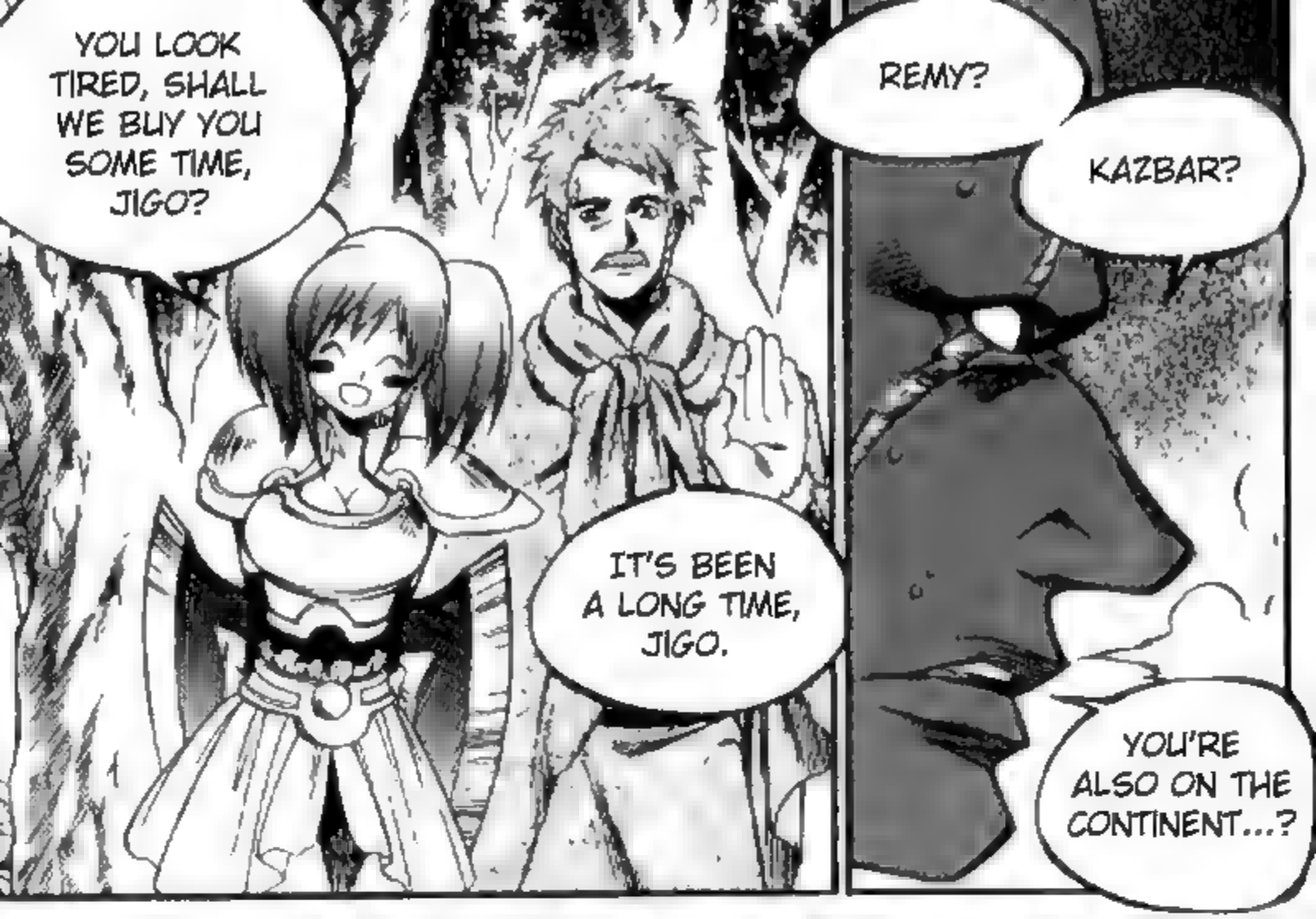
THEY COME AT ME ENDLESSLY... IS IT BECAUSE OF MY KEYS?
OH MY! TO THINK WE'D MEET YOU HERE OF ALL PLACES...


YOU LOOK TIRED, SHALL WE BUY YOU SOME TIME, JIGO?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, JIGO.
REMY?
KAZBAR?
YOU'RE ALSO ON THE CONTINENT...?

WE CAME BECAUSE THE DRAGONLANDS WERE SO EMPTY.
IF IT'S NOT TOO BOTHERSOME, WHY DON'T WE JOIN FORCES?
I WAS ACTUALLY KEEN ON TAKING A BREAK, SO THAT'S NOT A BAD IDEA.

JUST WHAT ARE THESE KEYS, WHY SO COVETED...
Jiga (9) Remi (6) Kasbal (0)
15 Keys.
JANGLE
Whoa.. You've gathered a lot!
You don't know the purpose of these keys?

SLIIIDE
...?
FLUTTER
ZOOOOSH!

CLANG
YOU AMAZE ME.
YOUR ABILITY TO SENSE SOMEONE'S PRESENCE GREW THIS MUCH IN SUCH A SHORT TIME...
NO, I'M STILL NOT CONFIDENT ENOUGH WITH IT.
SINCE WE STILL HAVE TIME, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAIN A LITTLE MORE?
YES. I AM IN YOUR DEBT.

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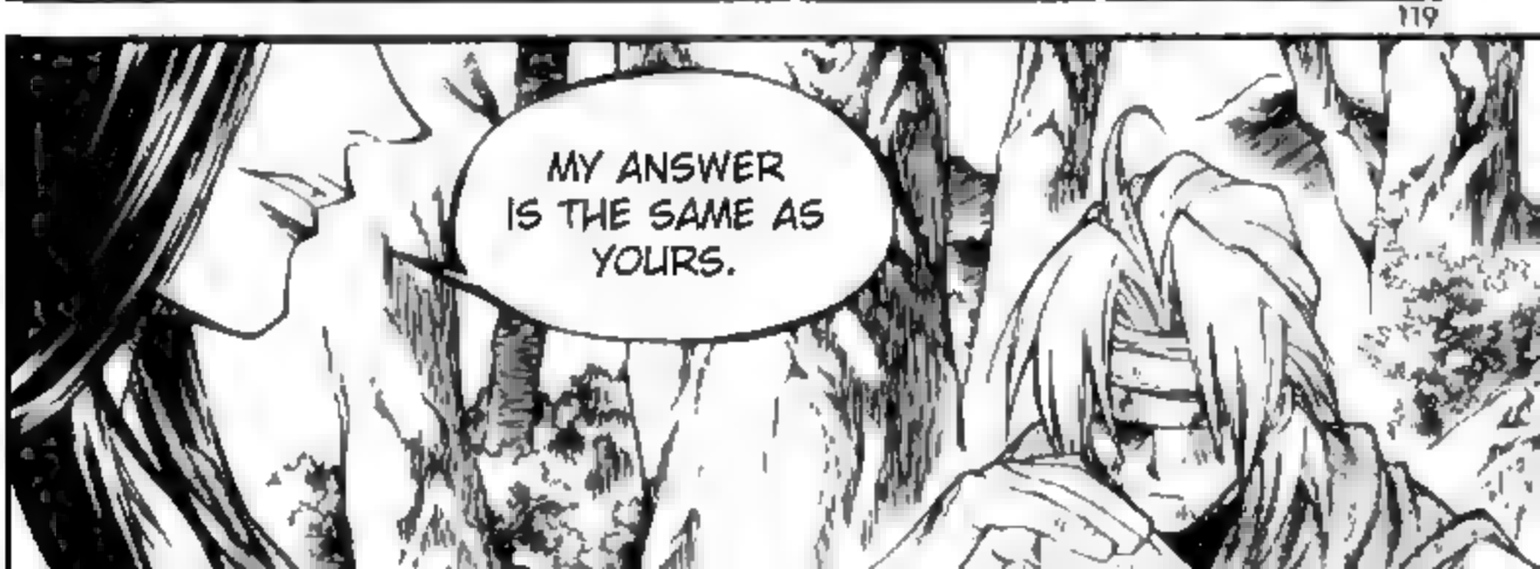
STAGE 153: THE END RESULT OF TRAINING

DO YOU MIND IF I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
WHAT IS IT?
WHY DID YOU AGREE TO TRAIN ME LIKE THIS?
EVERYONE ELSE IS ONLY CONCENTRATING ON THE KEY BATTLES...
BUT YOU'RE SPENDING THIS CAREFREE TIME WITH A WOUNDED PERSON LIKE ME...
BEFORE I ANSWER, LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING...

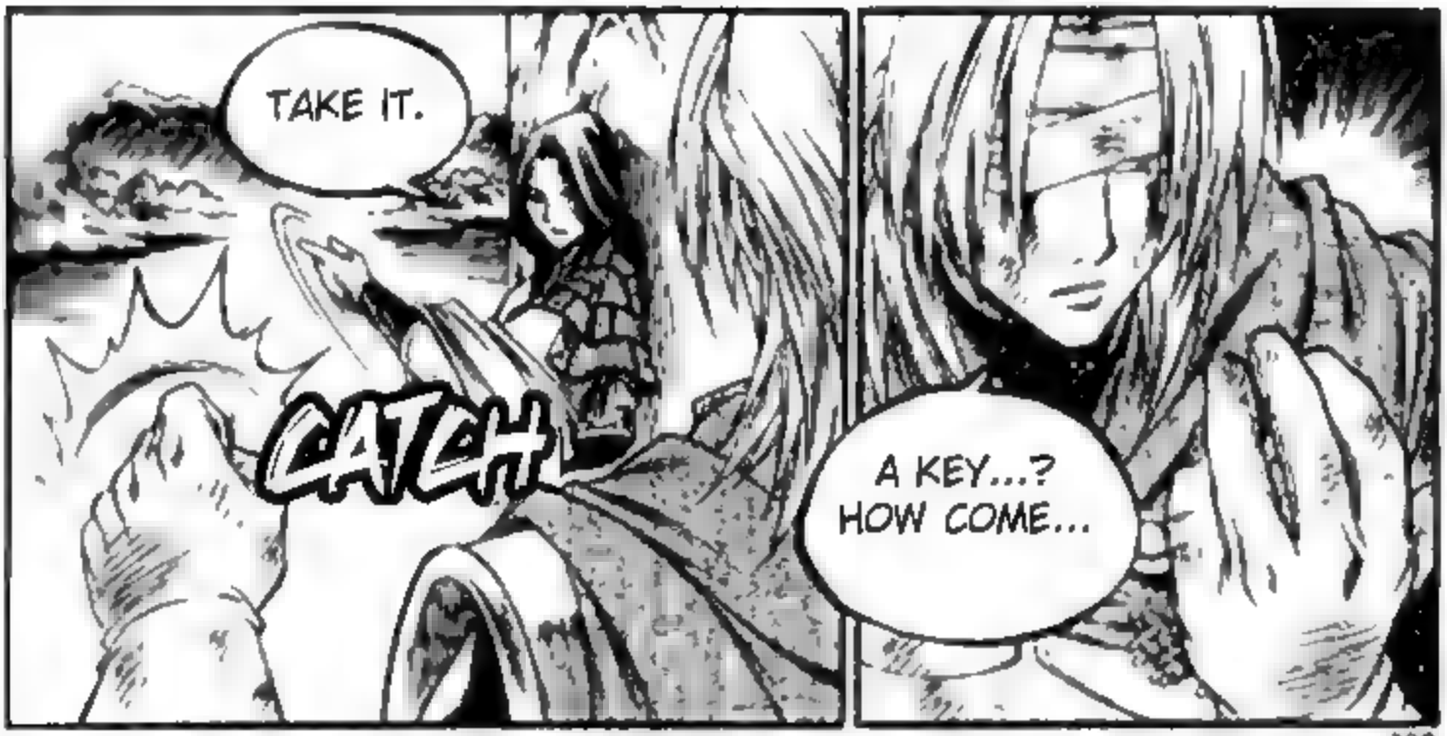
THIS IS THE PLACE I PROMISED TO MEET WITH THE MAN CALLED SLAYAN...
...SO WHY DID YOU COME TO THIS PLACE IN YOUR CONDITION?
AH...
WELL...
I DIDN'T COME HERE WITH A SPECIFIC PURPOSE, SO...
HOW DO I SAY IT... IT'S LIKE MY FEET SENT ME IN THIS DIRECTION BEFORE I REALIZED IT...?
EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD DO ANYTHING TO HELP...
YOU WERE JUST UNABLE TO IGNORE IT AND PASS BY?
THAT... COULD BE IT, I GUESS...?
SCRATCH


MY ANSWER IS THE SAME AS YOURS.

EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE INJURED TO THE POINT OF BECOMING UNABLE TO DEFEND YOURSELF, LET ALONE PARTICIPATE IN A FIGHT...
ARE YOU NOT IN A POSITION WHERE YOU COULD MEET A TERRIBLE DEFEAT AT SOMEONE'S HANDS?
I WAS JUST UNABLE TO IGNORE IT AND PASS BY.
DESPITE ALL THAT, YOU FOUND YOUR WAY TO THIS PLACE.
HAHA... THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS...
THE APPOINTED TIME DRAWS NEAR.
IT'S REGRETFUL, BUT WE MUST END YOUR TRAINING HERE.

LET ME HELP YOU...!!
STAND
DO YOU WISH TO DIE, MY FRIEND?
WHAT...?
IF YOU INTEND TO INTERFERE IN MY BATTLE WITH THAT PERSON...
I WILL KILL YOU RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.
AH... MY APOLOGIES! I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU LIKE THAT.
IT REALLY ISN'T MY PLACE TO INTERFERE...

LASTLY, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.
WHAT IS IT...? TELL ME, AND I'LL DO IT!
IT SEEMS TO ME THERE'S A FAMILIAR FEELING TO THIS EVENT.
FEELING...?
THE RULE THAT GOVERNED THE DRAGONLANDS... IT'S A RULE THAT A CERTAIN PERSON IMPOSED, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HIS OWN GOALS WHILE HIDING HIS TRUE MOTIVE.
SOMEHOW, I SENSE A SIMILAR INTENT AS THAT PERSON'S...
CLINK
IT IS NEVER A GOOD FEELING, TO PLAY INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S WILL AND INTENT...


TAKE IT.
CATCH
A KEY...? HOW COME...

HOW YOU USE THIS KEY DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU, ROW.
PLEASE FOLLOW YOUR OWN WILL AND JUDGMENT IN PUTTING IT TO USE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

AND, IF YOU DO NOT VACATE THIS PLACE IMMEDIATELY, I WILL CUT YOU DOWN!
AH... NO! MR. WHAN! WHY SO SUDDENLY...?!
LIFT

TELL ME, WHY...?!
THE PROMISED TIME IS NEAR, SO I WOULD LIKE YOU TO HURRY.
STEP
STEP
NO NEED TO EXPLAIN. IF YOU HAVE NO DESIRE TO FALL BY MY BLADE, THEN YOU SHOULD ATTACK.
....
I UNDERSTAND. I WON'T INTERFERE, AND I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW.
BUT THIS IS THE ONLY TIME I WILL FOLLOW YOUR REQUEST.
NEXT TIME, I WILL FOLLOW MY OWN WILL.

I WILL SEE YOU NEXT TIME.
I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
THANK YOU.
STOMP
SO YOU CAME...?
I'M A LITTLE LATE.

DESPITE MY LOOKS, I'M A RATHER BUSY GUY...

JANGLE
I HAD SO MANY THINGS TO ENJOY, IT'S ALMOST LIKE SOMEONE PREPARED A PARTY FOR ME.
OF COURSE, YOU, TOO, ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A SOURCE OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR ME...

HOW REGRETFUL. THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST MOMENT OF ENJOYMENT.

GOOD, GOOD... THAT SORT OF RESPONSE IS WHAT MAKES IT SO FUN.

SHALL WE BEGIN?
I LIKE IT STRAIGHTFORWARD AND SIMPLE!

Normaltown, Eastern Gate
KYAAAH!
MICHELLE!!
Che... These guys... Michelle and I are outmatched with our skills...
Row, you bastard! Where did you go?
They're different from normal PKers.
KUKUKU... AS EXPECTED, THE MAINLAND HAS A LOT OF WOMEN.

THE DRAGONLANDS DIDN'T HAVE MANY FEMALE USERS, SO IT WAS RATHER LONESOME...
The brothers Dunhill (12) and Raison (8), 20 Keys*
THE DRAGONLANDS?!
WHAT ARE YOU DRAGONLANDS PKERS THROWING YOUR WEIGHT AROUND HERE FOR?
ISN'T THAT TO BE EXPECTED? THIS SORT OF SITUATION IS A PERFECT ENVIRONMENT FOR US TO RAISE SOME HELL.
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF PREY IN THE FIELDS, AND THEN WE BEGAN RECALLING ALL THE GUYS HIDING IN THE TOWN...
You bastards...
AND IF THE GATEKEEPERS' SKILLS ARE AT THIS LEVEL, IT'S OBVIOUS WHAT THE GUYS HIDING INSIDE ARE GONNA BE LIKE, RIGHT?

[*TL-Note: Dunhill and Raison happen to be names of cigarette brands popular in Korea.]

DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF THINKING THIS IS OVER!
WHIRRRRRRRRR
HMPH! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
YOU DARE LOOKING DOWN ON HORGACIA, QUARTERFINALIST AT THE 2-PLAYER-TOURNAMENT?
SIT
WHOOSH
TAP TAP
TAP TAP TAP
EEK...!!

JUMP
DASH
WHOAH!
WHOOSH
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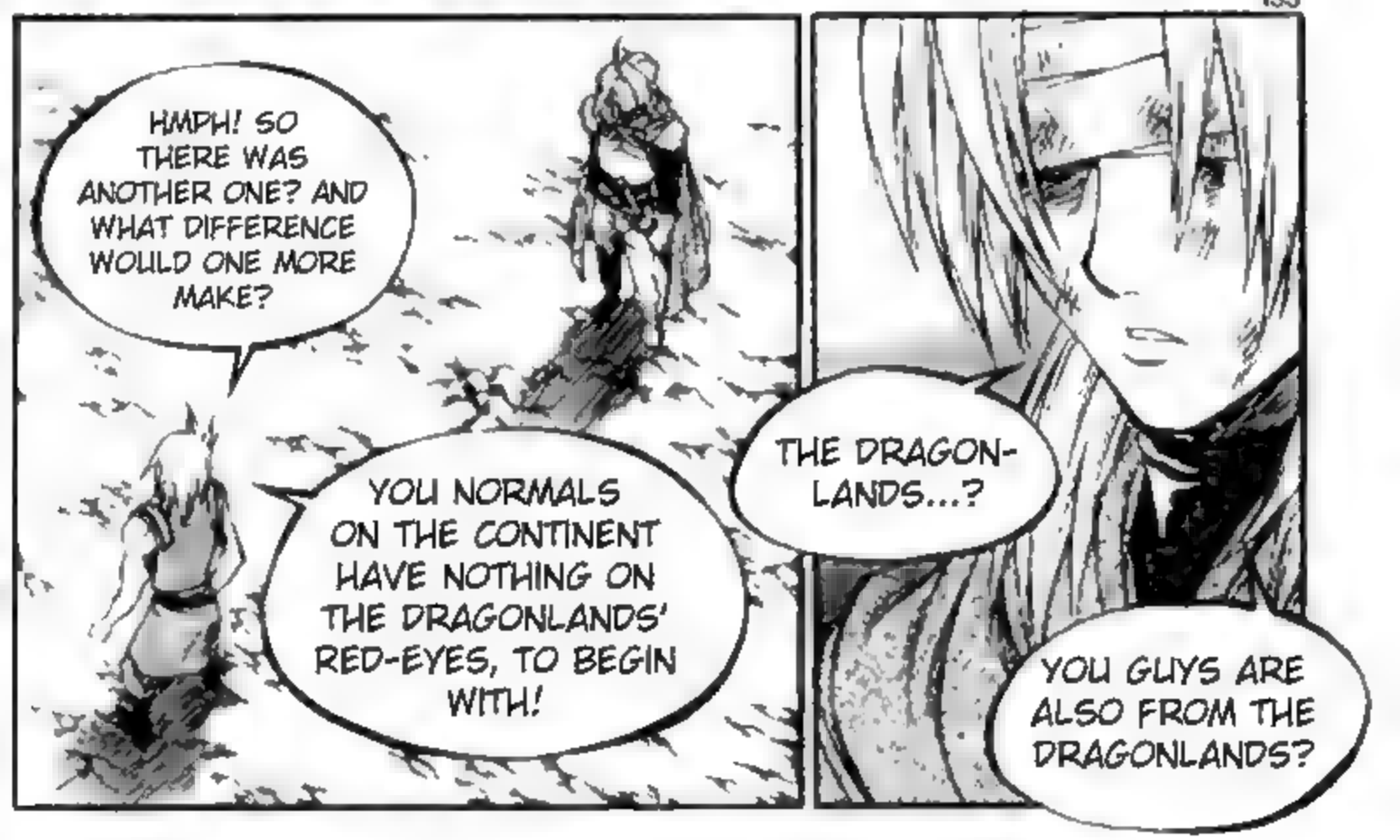
IF MY TIMING HAD BEEN A LITTE BIT OFF JUST NOW, I WOULD HAVE BEEN...
....
WHIRRRR
WHAT... HIS EXPRESSION...?

WHAT THE...?!
IT WAS A BOOMERANG-TYPE WEAPON?!
I CAN'T AVOID...!!
CLANG!
SORRY FOR LEAVING MY POST FOR SO LONG...
WHAT...?! WHO DID THAT?!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE HAD A ROUGH TIME, HORGACIA.
ROW!


HMPH! SO THERE WAS ANOTHER ONE? AND WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD ONE MORE MAKE?
YOU NORMALS ON THE CONTINENT HAVE NOTHING ON THE DRAGONLANDS' RED-EYES, TO BEGIN WITH!
THE DRAGON-LANDS...?
YOU GUYS ARE ALSO FROM THE DRAGONLANDS?

'ALSO'? LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE CAUGHT SOME DRAGONLAND SMALLFRIES BEFORE, BUT...
...IF YOU TAKE US FOR THOSE WORTHLESS VAGABONDS, YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET IT!
WORTHLESS VAGABONDS, HUH...
I THOUGHT WHAN'S SKILLS WERE AT LEAST IN A HIGHER CLASS...
WH... WHAN?
WHAN... YOU MEAN THE ONE WHO WAS RANKED 4TH IN THE WHOLE DRAGONLANDS, THAT WHAN?!
HE WAS NUMBER 4? AS EXPECTED... NO WONDER HE WAS SO STRONG...
YOU... YOU BASTARD...
SINCE HE SURVIVED A DUEL WITH WHAN, DOES THAT MEAN HE HAS SIMILAR OR BETTER SKILLS?
TO THINK THE MAINLAND HAD SUCH A TOP-CLASS FIGHTER... HUH?

Hmm...
THAT GUY... HE CUNNINGLY PASSED IT OFF AS A HEADBAND, BUT... AREN'T HIS EYES INJURED?
THAT'S RIGHT... THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD GET AWAY UNINJURED FROM A FIGHT WITH WHAN!
HE'S IN A SERIOUSLY WOUNDED STATE!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS GUY!
RAISON, YOU TAKE CARE OF THE WITCH LADY IN THE MEANWHILE!
HMM!!
CHAK

SO IT'S ONE-ON-ON...? HOW FORTUNATE...
NOW I CAN SEE FOR MYSELF THE RESULTS OF MY TRAINING

FROM THE SOUND OF THE STEEL I HEARD, HE'S DRAWN OUT A NEW WEAPON...
IT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE HEAVY STEEL, SO IT'S NOT A LONGSWORD... BOTH HANDS HAVE ONE EACH...

LET'S GET IT ON!!
WHIRR
WHIRRRRRRRRRRRR
DASH

SIMULTANEOUSLY THROWING A WEAPON AND CHARGING... IT'S A COMBINATION ATTACK!
I'LL MAKE SHORT WORK OF THIS BLIND GUY WITH A COMBINATION ATTACK!

IT MIGHT BE EASY TO AVOID, BUT PARRYING AN ATTACK WITH A SPINNING WEAPON NEARBY IS RISKY...
AND BATTING IT AWAY CREATES TOO BIG AN OPENING IN MY STANCE...!
IF THAT'S THE CASE...!
DASH
WHAT THE...? HE'S CHARGING IN?!

SLICE
WHIRRRRR
HE JUST BARELY AVOIDED THE ATTACK...!
HIS STANCE IS TOGETHER, WITH NO OPENINGS!
BUT STILL, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A BLIND MAN!
WHOOSH
YOU THINK YOU CAN BLOCK MY ATTACK?!
CLANG

HE BLOCKED T ACCURATELY ?!
IS HE FAKING IT? CAN HE ACTUALLY SEE?
SLIP
GRAB
I'VE GOT YOU!
HIS EYES ARE DEFINITELY INJURED...!!
UAAARGH!!
SLICE

DUNHILL?!
YOU DARE LOOK AWAY?!
SLOW!!
NOW, MICHELLE!!
WOOM WOOM WOOM
ARGH!!
MY WEAPON...
GRRR!
WHERE DID I DROP MY WEAPON AGAIN?
YOU USELESS WENCH!
THIS... THIS KIND OF SPELL...
...CAN'T BIND ME FOR LONG...!

WUAAARGH!!
SNAP
FLINCH
I'LL KILL AT LEAST ONE OF YOU BEFORE I DIE!!
KYAAA!!
CHING
MY LEG...?
'FREEZING' MAGIC?
APPEARS!
HI!
WHO'S THERE...?!

PHUAN?!
DON'T THINK TOO BADLY OF ME...
ARGH!!
SPLAT
THA... THANK YOU...
NO NEED TO THANK ME... I WAS AFTER HIS KEY, SO IT'S ONE HAND WASHES THE OTHER, OK?
JANGLE
WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN COMRADES BEFORE, BUT THE PRESENT ME IS A NORMAL, OKAY?

HEY, WOULDN'T IT BETTER TO DEFEND THE TOWN WITH THEM, AND SHARE THE KEYS?
DID YOU COME TO JOIN THE EASTERN GATE DEFENSE?
WELL, THAT WAS OUR PLAN AT FIRST, BUT...
WAITING AROUND AND DEFENDING DOESN'T FIT MY PERSONALITY!
PLUS, MORE PEOPLE THERE ARE, THE MORE KEYS WE HAVE TO SHARE, AND EACH SHARE WILL BE SMALLER...
OFFENSE IS THE BEST DEFENSE! IF YOU JUST DEFEND, IT'LL NEVER END!
DON'T YOU THINK SOMEONE FROM OUR SIDE SHOULD BE MORE PROACTIVE?

STAB
YOU'RE ALREADY GIVING UP?
AND IT WAS JUST STARTING TO HAVE FUN...
HUFF
HUFF
I... LOST!
KILL ME...!
YOU'RE FREELY ADMITTING YOUR DEFEAT?
CA-CRACK
IT'S REFRESHING THAT THIS ISN'T A DRAWN-OUT ENDING!

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STAGE 154 : WESTERN GATE DEFENSE SQUAD

BLAZING FIST STYLE!
RISING DRAGON DESTROYER!!
SWOOOSH
AAARGH!!
WHOA!
DON'T BE INTIMIDATED! WE STILL OUTNUMBER THEM!

FUWAAAH
UARGH!
WAAAH!!

ARGH! STRO... STRONG!! JUST THREE PEOPLE...
JUST HOW MANY DID THEY TAKE DOWN?!
IT... IT WILL BE HARD TO GET INTO THE CITY!

AS LONG AS YOU'RE A PKER, YOU CAN'T TAKE EVEN A SINGLE STEP INTO THE CITY!
IF YOU WANT TO ENTER, COME BACK AFTER YOUR PK STATUS HAS BEEN RELEASED!
YOU THINK CHANGING FROM PK STATUS IS THAT QUICK? IT TAKES AT LEAST ONE DAY PER KILL!!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE STATUS WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT OF THE EVENT! IT'S THE SAME AS SAYING YOU DON'T WANT US INSIDE!
I'VE NEVER BEEN A PKER, SO...
EH...? IS THAT SO...?
DON'T MIND THEM, THOSE SORTA GUYS...
...ARE THOSE WHO COMMITTED PKS WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT BECAUSE THEY WERE GREEDY FOR OTHERS' KEYS.
HMPH!
IF THEY DON'T BENEFIT FROM THIS EVENT, THEY CAN'T COMPLAIN.

BUT...
BESIDES, THEIR PROMISE THAT THEY ONLY WANT TO GIVE THEIR KEYS TO SAFEKEEPING CAN'T BE TRUSTED.
CRINGE
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU'RE STRAGGLERS WHO COULDN'T STAND THE KEY BATTLES AMONG THE PKERS, AND HAD TO LEAVE!
WITH A SKILL LEVEL THIS LOW, YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE YOU GATHERED TONS OF KEYS?!
DID I HIT THE BULLSEYE?
YOU GUYS DECIDED TO COME TO THE CITY LIKE A PACK OF STARVING HYENAS LOOKING FOR EASY PICKINGS, RIGHT?
You, you bastard.
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH...
What's up with this kid?
AND JUST WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
?
TAP
TAP

[*- Player-vs-Player combat]

DON'T YOU GUYS HUNT PKERS LIKE YOU WOULD HUNT MONSTERS?
THAT'S OKAY, BUT THE OPPOSITE ISN'T?
WHAT IS UP WITH THIS BRAT...?
....
WELL, TO BEGIN WITH, THAT SORT OF DISTINCTION WAS IRRELEVANT...
GLANCE
SINCE THOSE GUYS SHOULD HAVE NO COMPLAINTS IF THEY WERE INDEED TREATED LIKE MONSTERS.
GRIN

WHAT DID YOU SAY?! YOU BRAT, YOU JUST SHOW UP OUT OF NOWHERE, AND...
YOU'RE A PKER JUST LIKE US, STOP SPEWING NONSENSE!!
A PKER JUST LIKE YOU...?
DON'T ASSUME THAT I'M THE SAME AS THE REST OF YOU TRASH!
EARTHQUAKE!
WHAM

WU..
WUAAAAH!!
WHA.. WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!!
BOOM-BOOM-BOOM
Unbelievable!!
"EARTHQUAKE"?! THAT KID PULLED OFF SUCH A HIGH-RANK MAGIC...?
HE CAST THE SPELL AND USED IT IMMEDIATELY...
EVEN LOTTO, THAT JERK, NEEDED A LOT OF TIME TO CAST THIS SPELL...!!

RUMBLE
WAAH!! SAVE ME!!
I'M SICK AND TIRED OF DEALING WITH THESE SMALLFRIES.
IT DIDN'T MATTER FROM THE BEGINNING WHETHER I WAS A PKER OR NOT.

IT WAS JUST CONVENIENT, SINCE PEOPLE KEPT COMING AFTER ME ONCE I BECAME A PKER.
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BUT THEY ALL TALKED BIG, AND THEY ALL TURNED OUT TO BE WORTHLESS.
I PUT IN A LOT OF EFFORT TO CROSS OVER TO THE MAINLAND, BUT I'VE YET TO MEET A WORTHY OPPONENT.
WHERE DID THEY ALL GO? WHERE ARE ALL THE TALKED-ABOUT, HIGH-SKILLED PLAYERS?
ARE THEY HIDING INSIDE THE CITY?!
PACHIK
PACHIK

THEN LET ME BRING THEM OUT!!!

THUNDER-BOLT!!

KABOOM

WHOA!! EVEN 'THUNDERBOLT' ...!!!

MISS RAPHA!!

BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-BOOM

WERE YOU NOTHING MORE THAN SMALLFRIES WHO COULDN'T DO BETTER THAN PLAY GATEKEEPER?!
HUH?!

IF YOU WANT A MATCH, I'LL TAKE YOU ON!!
DASH
I WAS ALSO SICK AND TIRED OF TAKING ON BOTTOM FEEDERS!!
EXPLODING EARTH FIST!!
...?!
CRACK
CRACKLE
GET DOWN FROM UP THERE, AND FIGHT ME PROPERLY!!

AND IF I DONT WANT TO?
FLOAT
BOO-BOOM
TUMBLE
DAMN... FORGOT ABOUT THE LEVITATION SPELL...
DASH
THAT... THAT IDIOT!!
HMPH!!
I ALWAYS FINISH WHAT I STARTED!!

BAM
HUNDRED DESTRUCTIVE FISTS!!
WUHAHAHAHA!
PA-PA-PA
ROCKS AND STONES ARE NO MATCH FOR MIGHTY RYUGA!!
PA-PA-PA-PA-PA-PA
HAHAHA!
PAPAPA
WHATCHA DOIN'?
CAN'T YOU SEE SMASHING BOULDERS LEFT AND RIGHT...!

BOOM
BA-BAM
EHH?
UARRGH!!
CHAIN LIGHTNING !!

JOHN... STOP!!
IT'D BE BEST IF YOU...
DON'T COME NEAR ME.
PACHI
CHI
CHI
CHI

AAARGH!!
I USED 'CHAIN LIGHTNING'.
IT'S A SPELL FOR ATTACKING MULTIPLE ENEMIES ONE AFTER ANOTHER...
PACHI
PACHI-PACHI
BEING TOO QUICK ISN'T ALWAYS GOOD, YOU KNOW.
LIFT

I'LL GIVE YOU A MEMORABLE ENDING!!
CHARGE

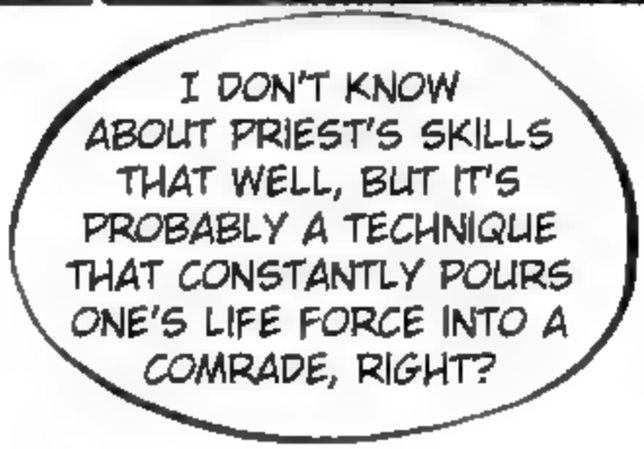
AAAAAAARGH!!
IT'S NOT FULL POWER, BUT THREE CONSECUTIVE SHOTS SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR AN INSTANT-KILL!!
KUSHOONG
SHAKE
SHAKE
URRGGH!

HUH?

HOW COME HE'S STILL ALIVE...? DON'T TELL ME, THAT LIGHT BEHIND HIM.. ?

VOOM VOOM

HEY... IS THAT "LIFE TRANSFUSION"...?


I DON'T KNOW ABOUT PRIEST'S SKILLS THAT WELL, BUT IT'S PROBABLY A TECHNIQUE THAT CONSTANTLY POURS ONE'S LIFE FORCE INTO A COMRADE, RIGHT?

YOU PULLED OFF THAT TECHNIQUE SO WELL IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.
STEP
BUT ISN'T IT STRANGE? IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THIS SITUATION WILL TAKE A FAVORABLE TURN, DOES IT?
HE'S RIGHT... I'M CONTINUOUSLY TRANSFERRING MY LIFE FORCE, BUT JOHN'S LIFE ISN'T INCREASING!! AND HE'S STILL RIGID...
IT'S ONE OF MY SPECIALTIES CALLED ABSOLUTE BINDING 3-SHOT SPELL...
A DAMAGE-OVER-TIME SPELL CALLED "CURSE OF POISON"...
PLUS, "HASTE" TO REV UP THE POISON'S DAMAGE.
AND FINALLY, A BINDING SPELL CALLED "PARALYZE"!

WITH THAT, HE CAN'T MOVE, AND HIS LIFE POINTS RUN OUT IN NO TIME... THEN DEATH!
SHHH
IF YOU PUT CONTINUAL HEALING ON TOP OF CONTINUAL DAMAGE, IT'S PLUS THEN MINUS, RESULTS IN ZERO. WELL, THAT'S ONLY WHILE YOU CONTINUE TO HEAL HIM...
SINCE YOU'RE BOTH CAN'T MOVE IN THIS STATE...
IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO JUST OBSERVE?
Nngh...
WELL, IT'S PROBABLY BEST IF I TAKE CARE OF YOU FIRST, AND KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE, RIGHT?
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
STEP
STEP

HMM-NYA
I smell a delicious roast.
ONE GUY'S HALF DEAD, THE OTHER CAN'T MOVE... ON TOP OF THAT, ONCE YOUR HEALING STOPS, IT'S INSTANT DEATH!
SHIVER
AT LEAST YOU WERE THE BEST OPPONENTS SINCE MY CROSSING OVER TO THE MAINLAND.

I... WILL... CURSE YOU....
WHAT?
If you... kill John...
Till the day... you die...

Every day...
Each and every single day...
I am going to send you a curse letter!! Till the day you die...!!
SHUD
DER
WINCE
Wait... It's not like he's really dying... Why are you so serious...?
COWER
SHAKE
SHAKE

SPELL RELEASE!
SPELL RELEASE!!
BUMP
Is... Is this enough?
WOBBLE
Huaaa...
COLLAPSE
DASH
WELL, THEN... I'LL JUST...

....
I WON'T... SAY "THANKS".
NO... WELL... THAT'S... ME, TOO...

WHAT THE HECK DID I JUST DO...?

HMM...!
ITEM
YOU HAVE AN UNEXPECTEDLY CHILD-LIKE SIDE TO YOU, DON'T YOU?

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